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MEDITERRANEAN TENSION

Italian Concentration On Dodecanese Islands:::Gibraltar Placed On War Footing:::Greece Taking Precautions

GIBRALTAR ALARM

Gibraltar, Yesterday.
Defence booms have been erected at both entrances to the Admiralty Harbour, and barricades continue to be constructed on the road to La Linea.
The 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards, is proceeding to Gibraltar on tour of duty.—Reuter.

Cabinet Changes Again Forecast

London, Yesterday.
Creation of a Ministry of Munitions, headed by Mr. Winston Churchill, is to be expected in the very near future, says the "Daily Herald."
The newspaper forecasts three changes in the Cabinet. To be replaced, it says, are Lord Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. S. Morrison, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and representative in the House of Commons of Lord Chatfield, Defence Co-ordination Minister, and Lord Runciman, Lord President of the Council.—Trans-Ocean.

Warning To Greece

Berlin, Yesterday.
The official German newspaper "Boersen Zeitung" warns Greece and Rumania against accepting the Anglo-French guarantees of assistance.
It declares that in wartime, the smaller countries would be the first to suffer and in peacetime, they could be economically crippled.—Reuter.

QUEEN GERALDINE RECOVERS

Larissa, Yesterday.
Queen Geraldine of Albania has recovered from her recent illness following her hectic departure from Tirana, and has left hospital. Queen Geraldine was suffering from puerperal fever.—Reuter.

RUMANIA SENDING TROOPS HOME

Bucharest, Yesterday.
It is officially announced that the Government is contemplating the demobilisation of some of the reservists recently called up.—Reuter.

INTENSE DIPLOMATIC MANOEUVRING

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

EUROPE IS ANTICIPATING A QUIET WEEK-END WITHOUT SHOCKS AND WITHOUT SURPRISES.

Suggestion of calm, however, would be highly misleading, as diplomatic activity has intensified tremendously, with the Axis and the democratic Powers openly manoeuvring for position.

Attention is directed chiefly to Anglo-Soviet negotiations for a pact of air assistance, the accelerated conversations between General Goering and Mussolini in Rome, and lively activity in Greece and Warsaw.

Considerable interest and speculation has been aroused by discussions between Yugo-Slavia and Bulgaria, the purport of which has not been disclosed. It is known, however, that the Yugo-Slavian Minister in Sofia is proceeding to Belgrade following long deliberations with the Bulgarian Premier.

In Warsaw, Colonel Beck to-day saw the British, American and Italian Ambassadors, and the Yugoslavian, Rumanian and Turkish Ministers.

Sir William Seeds, British Ambassador in Moscow, following discussions between Lord Halifax and M. Maisky, has been instructed to seek a further interview with M. Litvinoff.

It is admitted in London and Paris that a new phase in the discussions with the Soviet has been opened and a spirit of optimism prevails at the Quai d'Orsay.

Inclusion of Turkey within the anti-aggression front is also predicted as an imminent step in well-informed circles.

ANXIETIES IN MEDITERRANEAN

ONLY IMMEDIATE ANXIETY IN A MILITARY SENSE IS THE POSITION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. MORE ITALIAN TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATED ON THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN FRONTIER, AND GIBRALTAR IS PRACTICALLY ON A WAR FOOTING IN CONSEQUENCE OF ALARMING MOVEMENTS OF SPANISH TROOPS.

A Reuter report from Athens declares that great activity is reported from the Italian Dodecanese Islands, where the Italians are concentrating troops and large quantities of war materials and stores, particularly on Leros, Rhodes and Calymons.

In view of the international situation, the Greek Government is taking all necessary precautions. A regiment has been sent to Corfu and troops have been transferred from South Greece, Calamata and Corinth, to the Albanian frontiers.

It is understood that a decree mobilising twelve classes of reservists is ready for immediate issue should the necessity arise. Six torpedo-boats have been sent to Crete for patrol duties and nearly forty merchant ships have been commandeered by the Government.

SIR W. SEEDS
SEEING M. LITVINOFF

to carry a stage further the consultations which have been proceeding in London and Moscow.

London, Yesterday.
Acting on instructions from London, the British Ambassador in Moscow is seeing the Foreign Commissar, M. Litvinoff, to-day.

The greatest reserve is maintained in British circles regarding the nature of the proposals, but in residence, were Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Attlee.

ROOSEVELT ASKS DICTATORS FOR PLEDGE

London, Yesterday.

It is learned that President Roosevelt has addressed a personal message to Hitler and Mussolini requesting them to give a pledge to refrain from aggression against any territory of independent States.—Reuter.

CAROL TO MEET PRINCE PAUL

Bucharest, Yesterday.

According to Court circles, King Carol of Rumania will meet Prince Paul, Regent of Yugo-Slavia, on a Rumanian vessel in the Danube on Monday.

The general international situation will be discussed.—Reuter.

POLICE LAUNCH NEARLY SUNK

POLICE LAUNCH NO. 7, WITH SERGEANT PURRITT IN CHARGE, WAS ALMOST SUNK YESTERDAY WHEN OFF STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

The sudden squall which occurred at about 9.30 a.m. caught the launch, and the stanchions holding the awnings down were torn loose from their sockets and went overboard.

Harbour Launch No. 1 and Police Launch No. 5 went to the assistance of the foundering launch and towed it to Yau-mat where it is awaiting repairs.

No-one on board was injured, but all were drenched to the skin. The damage to the police launch is extensive.

MR. ATTLEE AT WINDSOR

London, Yesterday.

Last night's Court Circular announced that among the guests who had arrived at Windsor Castle where the Court is in residence, were Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Attlee.



Hoardings were placed round the famous statue of Eros in Piccadilly, London, to protect it from the Boat Race crowds that always throng during the evening's festivities. Now the hoardings have been left, for the purpose of displaying National Service recruiting posters.

HOLLAND KEEPING FORCES WITH COLOURS

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

A Royal Decree issued to-day states that troops which have just concluded military service, will remain with the Colours.

In view of the present European situation, says the Decree, it is essential that the Government should have adequate forces at its immediate disposal.—Reuter.

MOTOR ACCIDENT SEQUEL

The case in which Mr. A. G. Hargreave of the Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd., was summoned for driving under the influence of liquor, and without due care and caution, at Bonham Road, on February 22, was concluded before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

A fine of \$150 was imposed. The case was a sequel to an accident in which defendant collided with a motor cycle, driven by Woo Kam-tai.

Mr. F. G. Nigel, for the defence, said that defendant was perfectly frank in his account of his visit to the Gloucester Lounge. He remembered every event of the day, and explained clearly what happened. The two parties concerned had not gone into the cause of the collision.

Japan Sides With Axis

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The answer to speculation concerning the result of the long Cabinet deliberations on the European situation may possibly be found in to-day's issue of the "Nichi-Nichi Shimbun" and associated papers.

The "Nichi-Nichi" declares that Japan intends to bring diplomatic pressure on the democratic Powers in the Far East.

The paper adds that the Cabinet has decided to give moral support to the Axis Powers in their efforts to construct a new order in Europe, "as they have been sympathetic towards Japan's attempts to establish a new order in East Asia." — Our Own Correspondent.

'World War' Festival Cancelled

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The "holy anti-Communist festival on the eve of the coming world war," which the Japanese authorities had arranged for the Astor House Hotel to-night, has been cancelled.

The Japanese press explains that the festival, which was to be a Ball, has been cancelled because of lack of sufficient space.

However, other reports say that only a handful of non-Japanese had signed their intention of attending. The "Evening Post and Mercury" says that one section of the prospective participants altogether refused to attend, but the paper does not specify which one. — Reuter.

membered every event of the day, and explained clearly what happened. The two parties concerned had not gone into the cause of the collision.

Mr. Edwards said that he was satisfied that defendant was driving under the influence of drink, but had come to the conclusion that he was but slightly affected. Even in the mildest form, however, the offence was serious.

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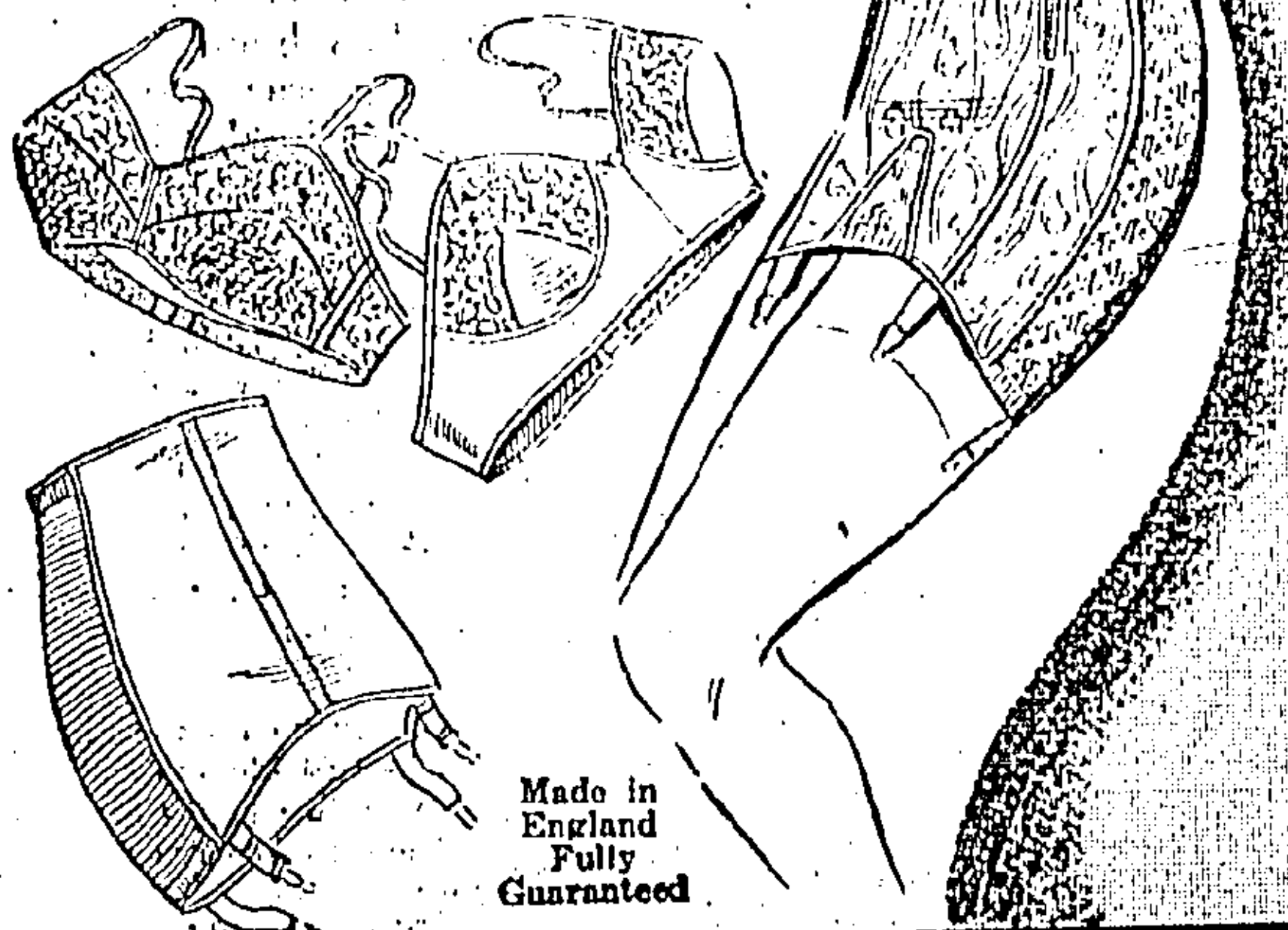
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Checked facings on jacket
and frock of yellow and leaf
green, on a darker green
background.

YOU will soon be giving your tailors orders for the clothes you will require in the summer if you are going away to the cool of Dalat, for instance. If so take a good look at these outfits which the artist has sketched.

Paris has decreed that clothes must look youthful and gay to be smart and that is why there is a dashing air about the simply-cut suits which are illustrated.

This season skirts should be short with wrist-length coats in a contrasting colour or a patterned material. These new coats are cut straight and square to emphasise the

youthful line of skirts; shoulders square up, but they are neat looking and there is no extravagant note about them.

The collarless coat is ideal for the shortish girl who would like to look taller and slimmer. The coat could be of conifer blue with a cyclamen pink stripe while the dress should be of the same shade

of blue in a plain material. The shadowy sketch gives you an idea of the dress to be worn beneath the coat.

The second outfit in coarse linen has novel buttoned front panels repeating the narrow centre panel of the frock which can be seen in detail in the shadow sketch behind.

Some Tricks With Rice

TAKE 2oz rice 1oz butter, 2oz sugar, 1 pint milk, 1 tin peaches, ½ gill cream, chopped walnuts.

Cook the rice in milk until tender and all the milk is absorbed. Sweeten and add the butter. Pour into a glass dish. Open a tin of peaches and drain off the liquor. Carefully place the peaches on top of the rice. Now reduce the liquor to half by boiling quickly over the gas. Add a little sugar, and when cold pour over the fruit. Decorate with piped cream and walnuts.

RICE FRUIT CUPS

Take 3oz rice, 1½ pints milk, ½oz butter, 1½lb plums, 1½ tablespoons water, sugar to taste, to ¾ pint plum pulp allow ½oz gelatine dissolved in ½ gill water, a few almonds.

Bring the milk to the boil. Wash the rice, add it, and cook gently until tender and the mixture thick and creamy, keeping it stirred occasionally. Add the

butter and sugar to taste. Then leave until cold. Stew the plums with the water and sufficient sugar to sweeten them. Then remove the stones and rub the fruit and syrup through a sieve. Measure the pulp, strain in the dissolved gelatine in the given proportions and leave to set. Arrange the prepared rice in glasses, heap the plum mixture in the centre, and stick with a few almonds. Flavour the rice with almond essence or other suitable flavouring.

VANILLA SAUCE

Take 1 egg, 1oz castor sugar, 3 tablespoons milk, ½ teaspoonful vanilla essence.

Whip the egg-white, add the sugar, then the egg-yolk, then the milk to which has been added the vanilla flavouring. This should be done very gradually. This may be served with ice cream, fruit moulds, and salads, and blancmanges.

RICE SNOWBALLS

Take 3oz rice, 1 pint milk,

1½oz sugar, 1oz chopped almonds or desiccated coconut, ½ pint custard (whatever nut flavour is used).

Cook the rice in a double saucepan with the milk and when soft add the almonds (or coconut) and sugar. Mix well and cook for another ten minutes. Fill little cups with this mixture. When set turn out on to a glass dish, cover with custard sauce flavoured with white-cherry nuts were used, and decorate each little mould with a glace cherry or a teaspoonful of red-currant jelly or strawberry jam.

RICE CROWN

Take 4oz rice, 1 pint milk, 3oz castor sugar, 1½oz butter, 2 egg-yolks, fresh or cooked fruit. Boil the rice with the milk in a double saucepan. When soft, add the butter and sugar. Beat the egg-yolk with a little milk and stir into the rice until it thickens. Use a mould in the form of a crown. Fill this with the rice and leave for several hours. Turn out on to a round dish and fill crown with fresh or stewed fruits. If stewed fruit is used, this should be thickened with a little cornflour or gelatine. Decorate round the outside with raw fruit and serve with a sweet sauce.

TIPSY RICE

Take 1 pint apple or any fruit pulp, 4oz rice, 4oz castor sugar, ½oz gelatine, ¾ pint red wine, 1oz butter.

Sweeten the fruit pulp to taste keeping it rather tart, dissolve the gelatine in a little water, and mix with the pulp. Cook the rice in water until soft. Make a thick syrup with the castor sugar and half a cupful of water. Strain the rice and mix well with the syrup. Mix in the wine. Rinse a mould with cold water and put in first a layer of the fruit pulp, then a layer of the rice and so on until the mould is full. Turn out when set and serve with vanilla sauce or whipped cream.

BETWEEN US GIRLS

By Esther



Here's a recipe that smacks of morris old England—and what a savoury dish this Meat Dumpling is! A suet crust plump with chopped beef, onions and potatoes—and, of course, a sprig or two of parsley—tied in a bag and cooked to perfect tenderness in a kettle of boiling water. Meat Dumpling is so wholesome and filling that a crisp vegetable salad, a beverage and a simple sweet would round out a meal to satisfy the heartiest appetite.

Meat Dumpling

1½ lbs. beef, cut in cubes
1 cup chopped onion.
4 potatoes, finely diced
2 to 3 tsp. salt
Parsley, finely cut
Try out a little suet from the meat in a frying pan. Put all ingredients into the hot fat and cook slowly until meat is seared and potatoes and onions partially tender, about 10 minutes.

Suet Crust

3 cups flour
½ tsp. salt

1 tbsp. baking powder
1 cup chopped suet
½ cup Carnation Evaporated Milk
½ cup water

Sift flour, then measure. Resist with salt and baking powder. Stir in the chopped suet and Carnation Evaporated Milk mixed with the water. Lay a large square of cheese-cloth on the table. Flour lightly and roll dough about ¼ inch thick on the cloth. Lift into a bowl. Pour in the filling. Press dough firmly together over top of filling. Tie the ends of the cheese-cloth over the top, allowing room for expansion. Lower pudding bag gently into a kettle half filled with boiling water. A plate or rack should be placed in the bottom of the pan to keep dumplings from sticking. Cover and boil 45 minutes. Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

Meat Dumpling is a perfect supper dish for busy days, for it's easy to prepare and needs no attention while cooking. In other words, it's one meal that's "in the bag"!



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What Paris Decrees

The voyage of M. Daladier to Tunis has influenced French fashions and looks like becoming more and more general. All the famous couturiers from the Faubourg St. Honore to the Avenue Montaigne are affected. One has produced an Algerian burnous (wide cape) and another, Moroccan embroidery. Some of the famous milliners have launched the Tunisian cap.

Materials show ever increasing variety and it may be said that the keynote of the day is the plain silk crepe-mousse in green, reds, blue and pink.

The charming twills and printeds are of course far from being excluded, and a lot of amusing and strange patterns are the chief characteristic of spring and summer dresses.

For day wear, materials are covered with small pretty designs, little families of esquisseaux placed in a dwindling horizontal line; golf sticks, mathematical figures. A particularly original one consists of vertical designs forming stripes in different fresh colours breaking from place to place to show contrasting scenes such as a boat gliding on a blue sea and whose white sails are outlined and a negroe in his red robes, and farther, a corner of a vegetable garden with a water-pot and a rake; etc. Then come delicate flowers, single or arranged in bouquets, spots, a great family of plaids, checks, stripes, and a multitude of new materials of the most wonderful combinations of colours, designs and reliefs. Stripes, which are so much in favour, are shown in a quite new way, with all pastel tints, frequently forming a lovely rainbow, each shade separated by a broad darker line. Stiff materials, like a taffeta and faille, are in great favour for day and evening wear.

From the first spring collections of the famous Parisian couturiers, fashions are particularly appealing this year. Boleros take a great part in couture and are generally like short jackets. Swing skirts make very juvenile dresses and are also popular. For evenings, crinolines are little seen; a sort of bustle made of loupes at the back of dress is a novelty.



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THAT is the song that the children and the young men and women are singing in the streets of Germany to-day, and it means: "Now Germany belongs to us, soon we shall own the whole world". The mind of a nation is expressed more plainly in its popular songs than in the speeches of its leaders but now speeches and actions and songs all point to the same conclusion.

Recent events and utterances have defined beyond all doubt the situation with which the world is confronted. The challenge has been made plain. There is no longer any excuse for misunderstanding it. By incorporating within the German Reich a large foreign population who have no wish to enter it and by neglecting for the first time to give any assurance that his territorial claims are satisfied, Herr Hitler has made it plain that his first aim is to dominate by force the continent of Europe. Almost simultaneously Signor Mussolini has committed himself to the opinion that peace is in itself a bad thing for civilisation and that if Italy is not contemplating immediate war it is only because she needs an interval in which to recuperate her strength. While such actions are permitted, while such utterances are made, while such men are at the head of great nations, there can be no peace for Europe. The best that can possibly be anticipated is a continuance of the tension in which we are now living and an increase of the mad competition in armaments which is gradually ruining us.

THE challenge must be met and there are three steps

that must be taken to meet it. First the Democracies must prove themselves capable of achieving the national unity of Totalitarian states. Such unity indeed imposed from above by force may be impressive to the superficial beholder but because it is maintained by force it is rotten at the core, and in the hour of trial its inner weakness will be displayed. In Great Britain, on the other hand, such divergence of opinion as does exist is proclaimed from the house tops or across the floor of the House of Commons, which is the same thing, but behind and beneath such outward manifestations of controversy there exists a profound and abiding unity of purpose which has only to be called for in order to appear and to astonish the world, as it did in 1914. Evidence of it was apparent in the House of Commons when the Prime Minister calmly announced that the Territorial Army was first to be brought up to war establishment and then doubled. No such announcement has ever been made in peace time throughout our history. It was received without a murmur of dissent. Mr. Greenwood, who has been filling with great dignity the place of Leader of the Opposition, asked some useful and constructive questions, Sir Archibald Sinclair put the services of the Liberal Party at the disposal of the State. Already there seemed to be forming the nucleus of a Coalition Cabinet.

THE next step that should be taken in answer to the challenge is one that can best be taken after such Coalition has been formed. The Labour Party are stated still to be opposed to the adoption of any form of compulsion but it cannot be believed that they would remain opposed to it if they could be persuaded that it was necessary for the safety of the State. The decision to double the Territorial Army has been of great value as a proof of the gravity of the

By the Rt. Hon.
**ALFRED
DUFF-COOPER,**
D. S. O., M. P.

situation and of the Government's determination to adopt drastic measures but as a method of increasing British war potentiality it is open to serious criticism. In any case it is unlikely to hold the ground. If the situation deteriorates some sterner method will of necessity be adopted, and if the situation improves and the clouds roll away it will be impossible to obtain 170,000 recruits to meet a menace that will no longer exist.

Meanwhile it must be pointed out that a situation which justifies such an unprecedented step

as the doubling of the Territorial Army Establishment must surely also call for an increase in the time given to the training of that army for war. To send untrained troops into battle is both a crime and a blunder but to increase the period during which volunteers are taken away from their work would constitute an increase in the penalty which is already imposed on patriotism, greater possibly than patriotism could bear. The country is asking a great deal of young men who have to give up the whole of their annual holiday as well as a great many of their free evenings. The country is asking in some cases even more of their employers who have to dispense with their services for a fortnight of what may be the busiest season of the year. What increases the bitterness of the sacrifice is the knowledge that their unpatriotic competitors are taking advantage of their patriotism to steal a march. This unfair, undemocratic and unscientific system must be abolished. The youthful British Dominions have already set England an example and she must not lag behind Australia and New Zealand in adopting some measure of compulsion. In a dramatic speech during the last war Mr. Lloyd George accused the Government, of which incidentally he was himself a member, of having been too late in all their decisions. We must avoid a repetition of the same mistake. There is no more tragic phrase than the words "too late."

GREAT Britain having thus closed her ranks and mobilised her resources, must join hands with her friends who henceforward will be her allies. The time has passed for haggling over terms or hesitating at commitments. Small nations and great are threatened with destruction. The common peril should ensure a common front but this can only be achieved by the unqualified undertaking "all for one, and one for all." Any nation that joins the alliance against tyranny and barbarism should be assured of the full support to the last man and to the last shilling of the whole combined alliance. It is still possible, while these words are written that the presentation of such combined force will impress the minds of those with whom force is the only argument. There is still time for them to come to the conference table, where their empty seats have been awaiting them these many years, and in an atmosphere of peace and harmony discuss their claims. There is still time for those claims to be satisfied and for an agreement to be reached whereby armaments instead of being increased should be diminished. But, alas, there are two obstacles in the way of such a happy conclusion. One of the Dictators has said that he does not desire lasting peace and the other has proved that his word can never be trusted.

SO we, Great Britain and the other peace loving nations, must prepare for the worst. Nor need we fear that that worst will prove too terrible. We have frightened one another long enough with tales of London lying in ruins and the end of civilisation. Our defences are in order, our plans are made, our resources are immense, our hearts are stout. Stern trials await us. We shall face them with the fortitude with which our fathers faced them in the past, believing as they did that it is better to die as free men than to live as slaves.

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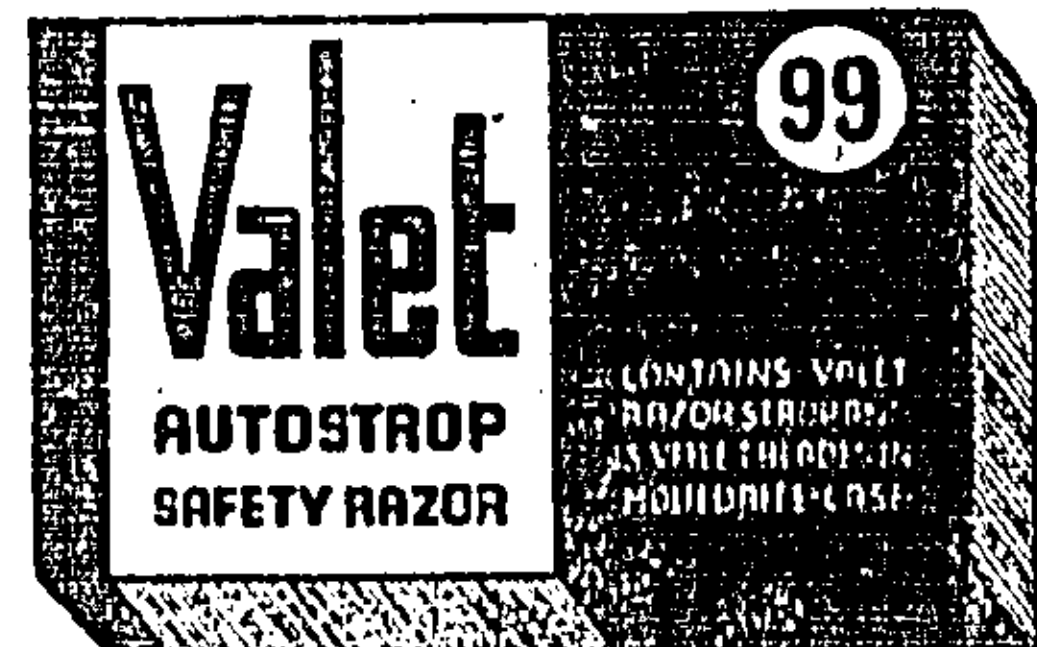
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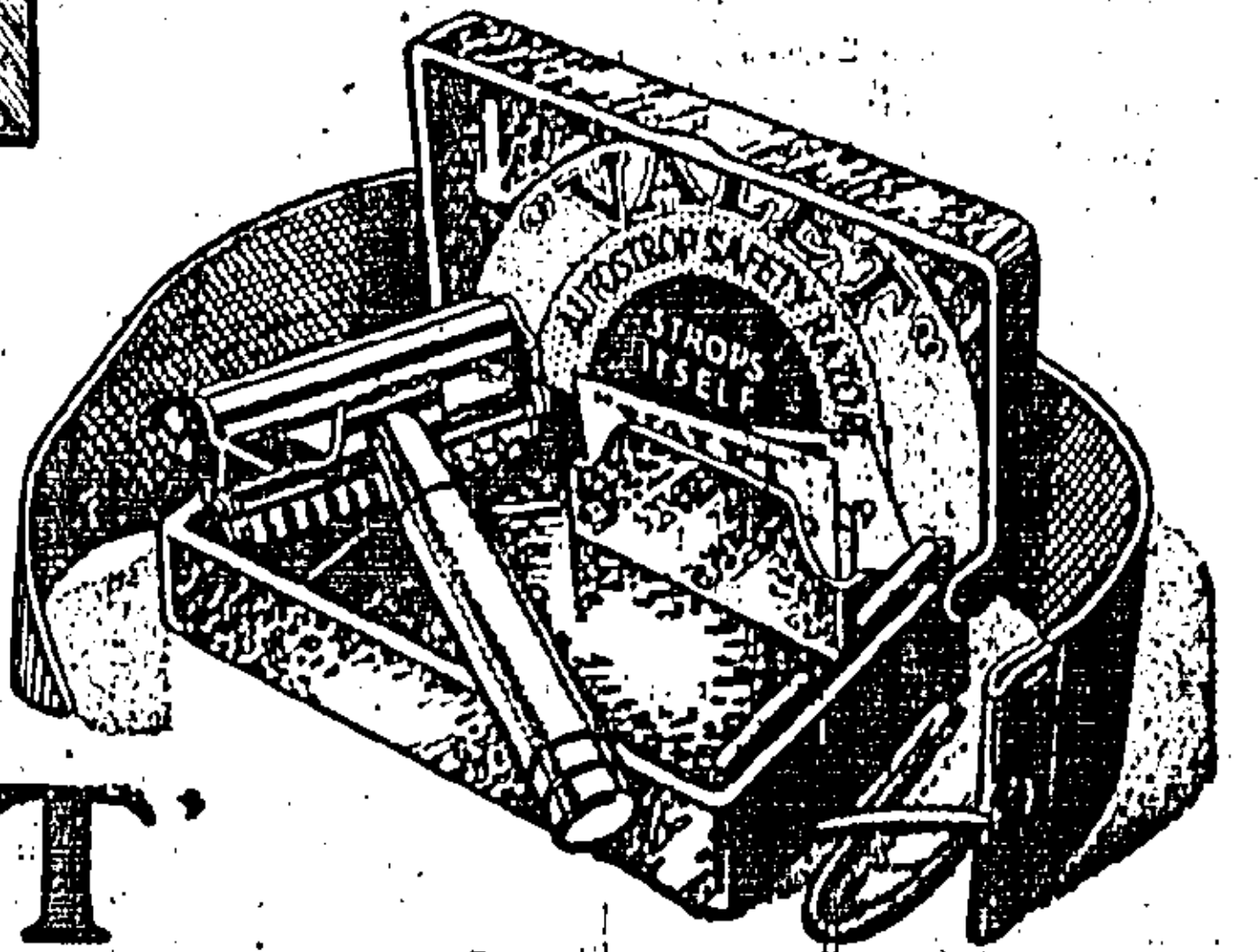


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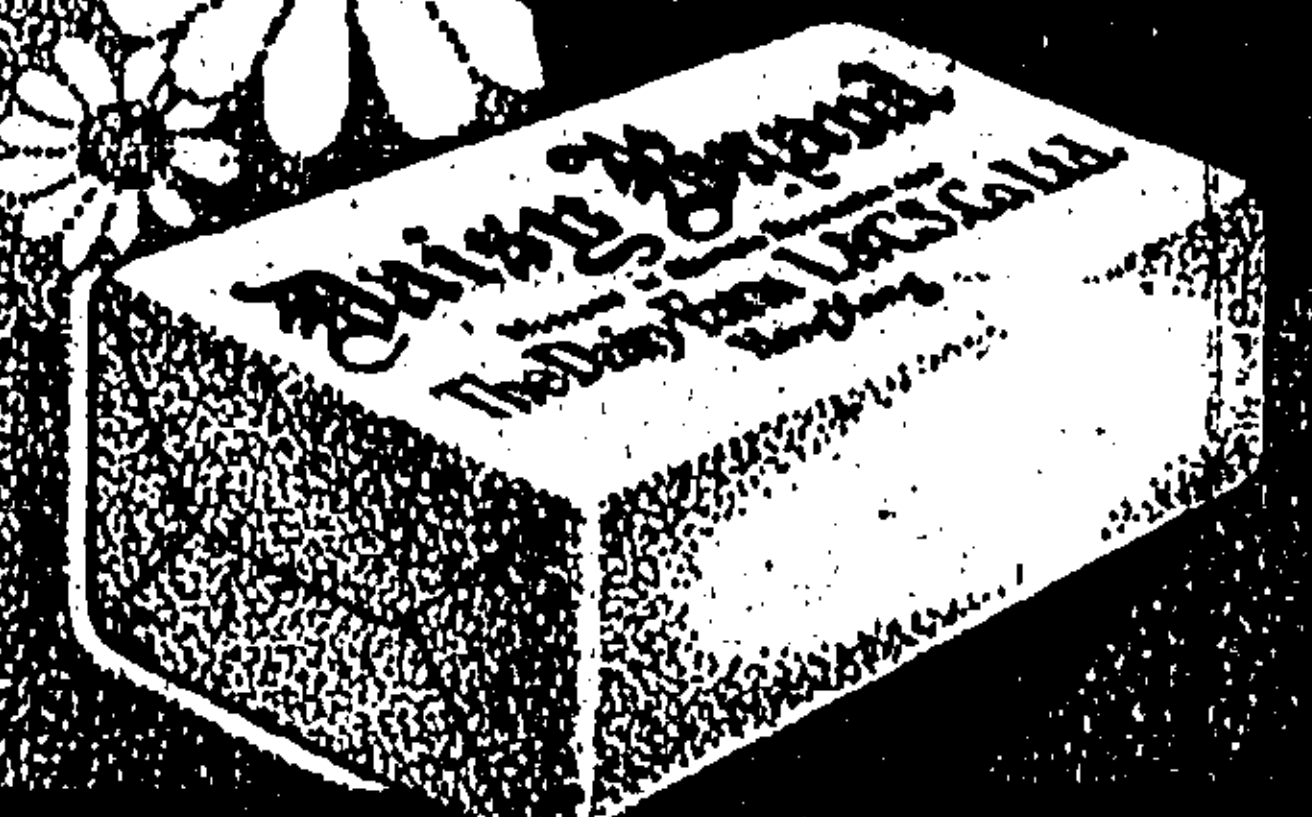
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Chungking, Yesterday.

It has now been officially confirmed that the Eurasia plane which made a forced landing on Thursday near the Indo-China border, was forced down by Japanese planes.

According to a statement by the Chungking office of Eurasia to-day, the plane was forced down by machine-gun fire from Japanese planes.

The plane landed close to the Sino-French frontier on the afternoon of Thursday.

The crew consisted of three Germans, only one of whom, named Rathje, was injured. Rathje received slight injuries to the head.

The other two members of the crew, Ulrich and Springweiller, were uninjured, as were all the passengers.

The crew and passengers are expected to arrive back in Kunming (Yunnanfu) this evening, when a detailed report of the attack will be given.

At present it is not yet clear whether the forced landing was made on Chinese or French territory.

The plane was proceeding to Hanoi at the time. — Trans-Ocean.

EIGHT COUPLES WED AT REGISTRY

WITHIN TWO AND A HALF HOURS YESTERDAY MORNING EIGHT COUPLES WERE MARRIED AT THE REGISTRY, BREAKING ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS FOR WEDDINGS IN A SINGLE MORNING OR AFTERNOON.

The highest number for a day was recorded last month when eleven couples faced the Registrar of Marriages, seven of which came in the afternoon.

Among those who were married yesterday were Petty-Officer Charles Joseph Rosbrook, of H.M.S. Medway, and Mrs. Rayn Wolf, daughter of Mr. Isaac Ratkevitch, of No. 42, Kennedy Road.

The other couples were all Chinese nationals as follows, and included two brothers:—

Miss Wong Lai-hing, of No. 17, Kai Yee Street, and Mr. Lau Yin-ning, of the Yumati Theatre;

Miss Wan Yuen-che, of No. 48, Lee Pung Street, and Mr. Yau Yun-ning, assistant manager of the Hoo Cheong Company;

Miss Shu Yiu-fong, of No. 2, Moreton Terrace, and Mr. Wong Hon-ming, accountant attached to the China Emporium;

Miss Nancy Cheng, of No. 7, Kin Yui Street, and Mr. Henry Lee, of No. 13, Tai Cheung Street;

Miss Wong Yu-ying, of No. 52, Ship Street, and Mr. Tang Cheung-fai, attached to the Public Works Department;

Miss Li Lai-wa, of No. 119, Des Voeux Road, Central, and Mr. Tsang Wai-lun, of No. 4, Ying Wa Terrace; and

Miss See Luen-tung, of No. 25, Shing On Street, and Mr. Han Cheong-kyok, engineer of No. 9, Dragon Terrace.

APPEAL AGAINST URBAN COUNCIL

An unusual case will be dealt with in Executive Council on Wednesday, the "Sunday Herald" understands.

It is an appeal from a decision by Mr. R. E. Todd, Chairman of the Urban Council, cancelling the licence of a stallholder in the Yumati Market.

It is understood that the stallholder will be represented by a solicitor and that five witnesses, including a European, may be called.

CHINESE OFFENSIVE

London Speculation On "Vast Operations"

AMBASSADOR'S CHUNGKING MISSION

London, Yesterday.

Despite the absorbing European preoccupations the newspapers generally give prominence to the Chinese offensive, which some correspondents describe as involving 1,500,000 Chinese troops on a 1,500-mile front in the aggregate.

While cautious in pronouncing judgment, observers are of the opinion that such vast operations must at least be causing the Japanese considerable anxiety.

The Peiping correspondent of "The Times" particularly instances Chinese successes in central Hopei, where "the Japanese are completely unable to achieve sufficient control for their main purpose, namely the planting of cotton."

Chinese and Japanese circles alike are watching the journey to Chungking of the British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, with extreme interest.

The Japanese speculate on the possibility that he is carrying proposals as the result of his conversations in Shanghai with Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, which might lead to a compromise for peace.

The visit to the Foreign Office for two days running this week of Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador in London, has aroused the interest of Japanese circles.

Reuter understands, however, that the visits were nothing out of the way, and were merely of the kind Mr. Quo frequently pays.

The Chinese deride the idea of any compromise, and affirm that the tide is now beginning to turn in their favour.

They certainly have no need to sue for peace.

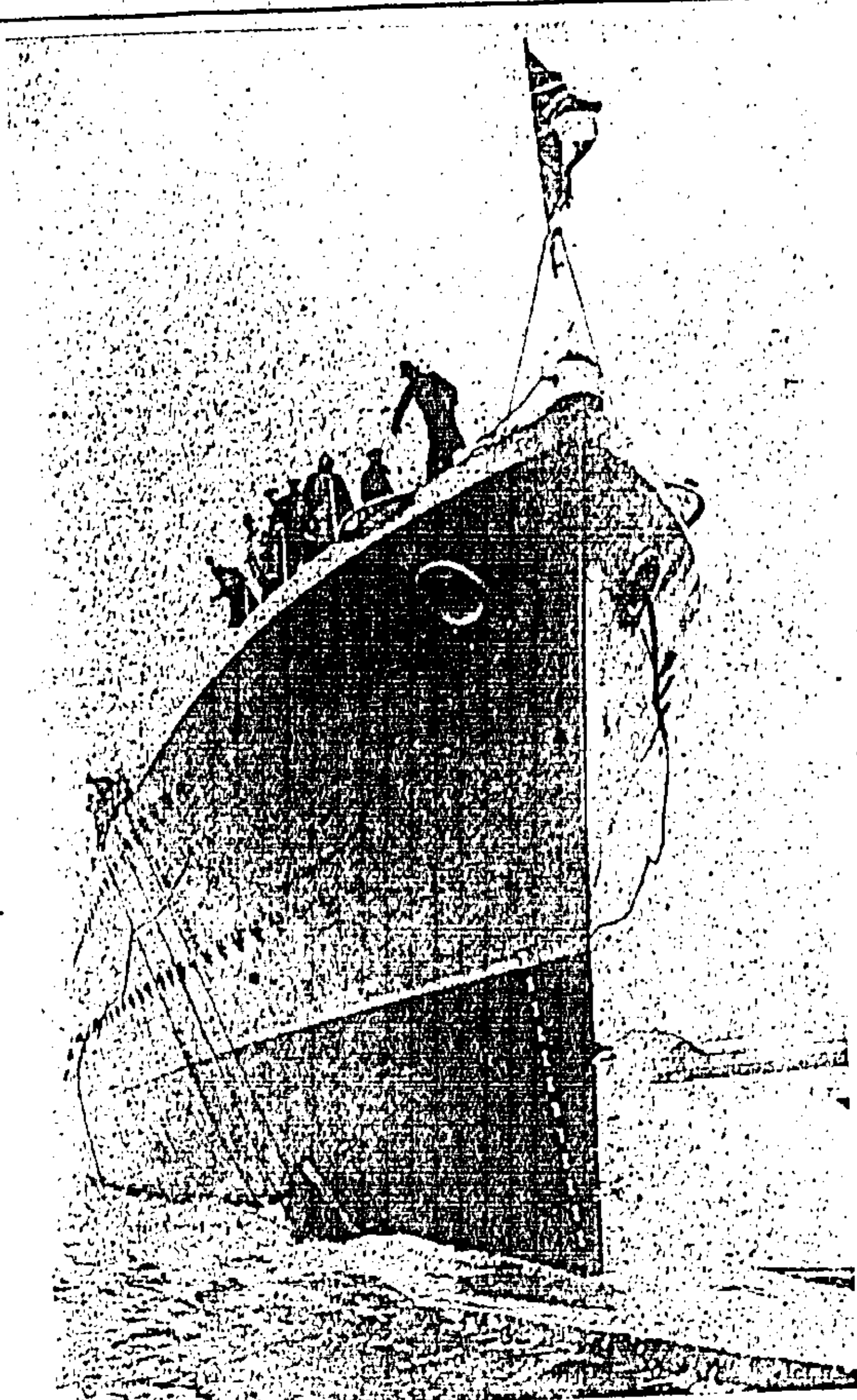
The "Daily Express" says that Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr's object is "to put proposals to General Chiang Kai-shek which may result in immediate stiffening of Chinese resistance."

It adds: "Political and military circles in China point out that increased Chinese resistance would help to keep Japanese hands so tied in Eastern affairs that she could not be a calculable factor in her Western totalitarian allies' plans."

On the other hand, well-informed Japanese emphasise that the overwhelming majority of responsible persons in Japan are entirely against strengthening the Anti-Comintern Pact.

They say that Japan has nothing to gain and much to lose by mixing in European quarrels, and would not join in unless attacked by Russia.

The "Daily Telegraph" concludes a congratulatory leading article on the latest Chinese operations with the remark that the end of the conflict is far beyond sight yet, but the present Spring campaign, in the third year of the war, has already shown the infinite liabilities of an invader who attempts the conquest of China. — Reuter.



The Countess of Cork and Orrery, wife of Admiral of the Fleet the Earl of Cork and Orrery, on April 4 launched the destroyer H.M.S. Kashmir from the yard of Messrs. John I. Thornycroft and Co. at Woolston. The Kashmir is one of two "K" class destroyers which the firm are building the other being H.M.S. Kimberley. Photo shows the vessel going down the slipway after the launching ceremony.

YUNNAN-BURMA ROAD DRIVERS ALLEGATIONS REFUTED

London, Yesterday.

Near 400 Chinese lorry drivers and mechanics, sent at the expense of Chinese loyalists in Malaya, have arrived at Rangoon from Singapore, says the Hangoon correspondent of "The Times."

They will drive Chinese transport on the Yunnan-Burma road, and their smart blue uniforms and keen manner are exciting much attention. — Reuter.

HUNGARY'S RECENT LOSSES

Budapest, Yesterday.

The losses of the Hungarian troops during the occupation of the Carpatho-Ukraine in March are given by the military quarters at 72 killed, 163 wounded, 3 missing and 2 prisoners. — Trans-Ocean.

THIRD DEGREE ALLEGATIONS REFUTED

Allegations that a Chinese detective had used "third degree" methods to extract a confession were made and strenuously denied at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, representing two boatwomen and three tallymen, charged with stealing 1,492 lbs. of wood-oil which, it was alleged, they tapped from a cargo of drums, between Hung Hom and Yumati, closely questioned the detective on alleged assaults on the accused, but met with complete denial.

Addressing the Court later, Mr. da Silva contended that no evidence of theft had been produced. The prosecution had failed to prove that the junk had taken longer than usual for the journey and had time to place the oil ashore.

Convicting four of the accused, Mr. Himsforth passed sentence of two months' imprisonment, dating from the time of their arrest, February 15.

Defendants were accordingly released.

OF SPANISH WAR FAME

Police assistance was requested yesterday by the master of the s.s. Bosworth, Captain Donald Nicholson, who, in a brief note to the Water Police Station, gave the names of three of the crew whom he wanted to locate.

The three men were A. G. Jones, S. Stewart and B. Coner, who apparently outstayed their shore leave on Friday night.

The Bosworth has been in the news frequently in recent months as one of the vessels in running the Franco "Blockade" to Spanish Republican ports.

London, Yesterday.

The King is to broadcast from Winnipeg on Empire Day at 7 p.m. C.M.T. This will be the only occasion on which a speech by His Majesty will be broadcast outside Canada. — Reuter.

TO KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR

New York, Yesterday. Senator Hamilton Fish, one of the isolationist members of Congress, has been appointed chairman of the "committee to keep America out of war."

The committee will establish branches in all the 48 United States. — Trans-Ocean.

Over Two Inches Of Rain

Within eight hours yesterday, 2.21 inches of rain was recorded at the Royal Observatory following the sudden thunderstorm shortly before 10 a.m., the total constituting a record this year.

This was not, however, the highest April rainfall for 24 hours, which was recorded in 1931 amounting to 8.54 inches.

Yesterday a strong squall accompanied the sudden storm, the velocity reaching 53 miles an hour at 9.48 a.m.

The weather forecast as issued by the Royal Observatory last evening, was: General east and north-east winds; moderate, cloudy with occasional rain and thunder; improving.

From the following it will be seen that most of yesterday's rain fell between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

10 a.m.—0.535 ins.
12 noon—0.770 ins.
1 p.m.—0.170 ins.
2 p.m.—0.030 ins.
3 p.m.—0.450 ins.
4 p.m.—0.160 ins.
5 p.m.—0.080 ins.
6 p.m.—0.020 ins.

SIX DIE IN SQUALL

Six children met untimely deaths in the height of yesterday's sudden storm, and a number of junks capsized throwing the occupants into the harbour.

The children were the offsprings of junk people, and include three boys between the ages of four and nine years, and three girls between the ages of four and 16 years.

All the bodies were recovered with the exception of a four-year-old girl and a nine-year-old lad.

NONAGENARIAN RESIDENT'S DEATH

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. LAURA ELIZA COBBE, OF NO. 9 CAMERON ROAD, TOOK PLACE AT THE COLONIAL CEMETERY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The Rev. J. R. Higga, of the St. Andrew's Church, officiated.

Mrs. Cobbe, a very old resident of the Colony, died at her residence early yesterday morning after a long illness. She was 90 years of age, and leaves two daughters and a grandson.

The chief mourners were Mr. C. E. Williams, Mrs. Z. D. Rapp, and Mr. G. L. Rapp.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE BALL

The annual ball of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will be held on Friday, April 28.

Usually held earlier in the year, the Ball was postponed on account of heavy Staff work connected with relief measures over the border and the recruitment of 1,000 additional members of the Brigade.

A cabaret show will be a feature of the ball and it is anticipated that H. E. the Governor, H. E. Major-General A. E. Grasett and Commodore E.B.C. Dicken will attend.

Mr. M. M. Silva, of the Great Eastern Telegraph Office, has reported that a bi-yole, the property of the company, was stolen from Ice House Street on Friday.

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Police To Signal With Flags To Traffic In An Air Raid

(Special To The "Sunday Herald")

It is authoritatively learned that the type of syren used on Friday in the test air-raid warning, are to be standard throughout the Colony.

The syrens can normally be heard within an area of a mile, but it was reported yesterday by some office workers that the test "alarm" was not heard in certain offices located within less than 200 yards of the syren in the central district.

Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Porkins stated that this was quite likely, as some buildings might be "blanketed" by other structures.

Arrangements will be made to remedy this.

It is also proposed to equip policemen with red and green flags for traffic control in an emergency.

Heavy vehicles such as large buses, lorries and trucks, while in motion, are liable to drown out the sound of air-raid syrens from the drivers.

To remedy this, it is suggested that the police use flags to notify the drivers of an air-raid.

Warnings would be given with the red flag and the "all clear" with the green flag.

At night red and green lights will be used.

Warlike Threats To Britain At Both Ends Of The Mediterranean

PROLONGED STAFF TALKS AT WHITEHALL

London, Yesterday.

Development of threats to British interests at both ends of the Mediterranean at, apparently, Italian instigation, are viewed with grave concern in British military circles. Abnormal Spanish troop movements in the vicinity of Gibraltar have been followed by measures for defence, and anxiety has not been relieved by the official announcement from Burgos that the triumphal march of General Franco into Madrid has been postponed.

The decision is connected in political circles with the withdrawal of Italian volunteers, and postponement is, for that reason, regarded as a pretext for retaining Italian troops in Spain during a period of impending crisis.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" declares that the British Government is giving urgent attention to the threats which appear to be growing against British interests in Egypt as well as in Gibraltar.

STAFF DISCUSSIONS

He understands that Staff officers at Whitehall have held prolonged meetings at which the latest troop movements have been considered and plans drawn up for the military defence of both areas if necessary.

There has been a steady movement of British troops from Palestine to Egypt in the last week.

The only explanation of the decision to postpone the Franco parade in Madrid is the statement that the anniversary of the patron saint of Madrid falls on that day.

MERE PRETEXT?

This, however, is suspiciously regarded as being merely fortuitous from an Italian viewpoint.

It is stated in Burgos that as Italian volunteer detachments will take part in the parade, they will not leave Spain "until the second half of May."

No date has been announced for the departure of the German volunteers of the "Condor Legion."

It is, however, suggested that "owing to the bad condition of the roads in Spain," it will require a considerable period of time for them to assemble their equipment and prepare for departure.

It is reported that 40,000 soldiers, in full war equipment, will march past General Queipo de Llano, at Seville on Sunday.

—*Reuter and Trans-Ocean.*

REPORT OF WARNING DENIED

London, Yesterday.

Competent British quarters deny

HUGE BARRICADE AT GIBRALTAR

Paris, Yesterday.

Reports of extraordinary military activity in Spanish towns near Gibraltar are confirmed by the "Paris Soir."

Considerable numbers of Spanish troops have been sent to La Linea, the Spanish border town.

Counter-measures have been taken by the Gibraltar military authorities.

The main road leading to Gibraltar is protected by a huge barricade.

The British military attaché has arrived in Gibraltar from Burgos.

The Gibraltar military authorities have received definite instructions from London on the action to be taken in the event of a clash. —*Trans-Ocean.*

The report that Britain had informed the Italian Government that Britain would consider the Anglo-Italian Agreement invalid unless Italian volunteers from Spain were withdrawn within eight days from May 2.

London circles explicitly state that no such "threat" has been made to the Italian Government. —*Trans-Ocean.*

PALESTINE TRAINING

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

Along the Palestine coast, near Haifa, British troops, during the last few days, have been trying out new long-range guns.

The larger part of the British garrison at Lydda has left for Egypt. —*Trans-Ocean.*



HUGE DRIVE FOR STRONG DEMOCRATIC UNITED FRONT.—Now it is plain that Mr. Chamberlain's appeasement policy with the Dictators has failed, the Premier is forming a strong anti-aggression front. In London recruiting is going ahead at full speed and a huge voluntary civilian army is being built up. Posters are appearing in great number to help in this gigantic National Service drive. Photo shows one of the new huge posters stretching across the Thames on the temporary Waterloo Bridge, with Britain's watchword "WE MUST BE PREPARED" printed on it. In the foreground the new bridge is seen in the making.

RUMANIAN PREMIER WELCOMES GUARANTEE

Bucharest, Yesterday.

The Rumanian Premier, M. Armand Calinescu, has issued the following statement regarding the British and French guarantees:

"It is with deep gratitude that Rumania takes cognisance of the declaration in which the British Prime Minister has assured our nation of England's unlimited support in case of necessity.

"With equal gratitude, Rumania has received notification that France, who has always been willing to prove her friendship for us, has made a similar declaration.

"We follow with interest and sympathy every action that is appropriate for the strengthening of peace, upon which our own prosperity and good relations with all countries depend. Rumania's policy has long been known. Our Government has expressed its desire for understanding and it endeavours to develop close and beneficial commercial relations with those nations whose supplementary interests bind them to us. Our Government has also indicated that Rumania is ready at all times to defend its independence and frontier.

"The declarations through which France and England have expressed, in spontaneous manner and in terms of a spirit that deeply moves us, their intention of supporting our peaceful endeavours constitute a valuable contribution to the work of fortifying general peace.

"Such demonstrations, from whatever source they come, result in an atmosphere of confidence and understanding which is so necessary to all nations." —*Trans-Ocean.*

AGREEMENT'S VALUE TO BRITAIN

Rome, Yesterday.

The semi-official Italian paper, "Giornale d'Italia," commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's speech, states that if the British Government still holds the Anglo-Italian Agreement to be valid, it is because this agreement is more valuable to Britain than it is to Italy.

The paper declared that the Anglo-French pledge to Rumania and Greece is dangerous, as "an outrage on the national life of smaller states, which are forced into a system in which they cannot make decisions of their own."

These plans of London and Paris, the paper declares, aim at weakening the Berlin-Rome Axis, but their result is to strengthen the Axis. —*Trans-Ocean.*

BRITISH PLANES REACH GREECE

Paris, Yesterday.

Fifty military planes of British manufacture arrived in Greece yesterday, according to "Temps" to strengthen the forces at the three Greek air bases of Athens, Larissa and Salonika.

It is also announced from Athens that the Italians apparently intend to establish a large base "for a merchant fleet" in the Sea of Okhrida. —*Trans-Ocean.*

PUPPET OFFICIAL SHOT DEAD

Chungking, Yesterday.

Yao Fu-an, Secretary of the Civil Affairs Department of the bogus Kiangsu provincial government, has been assassinated in Soochow.

He was fired upon by an unidentified assailant and killed instantly. —*Central News.*

Sheik Said Occupied

Milan, Yesterday.

"Stampa" reports from Cairo that Arab troops from Yemen have occupied the territory Arabia Sheik Said, thus creating sovereignty of the Imam of Yemen in this disputed area.

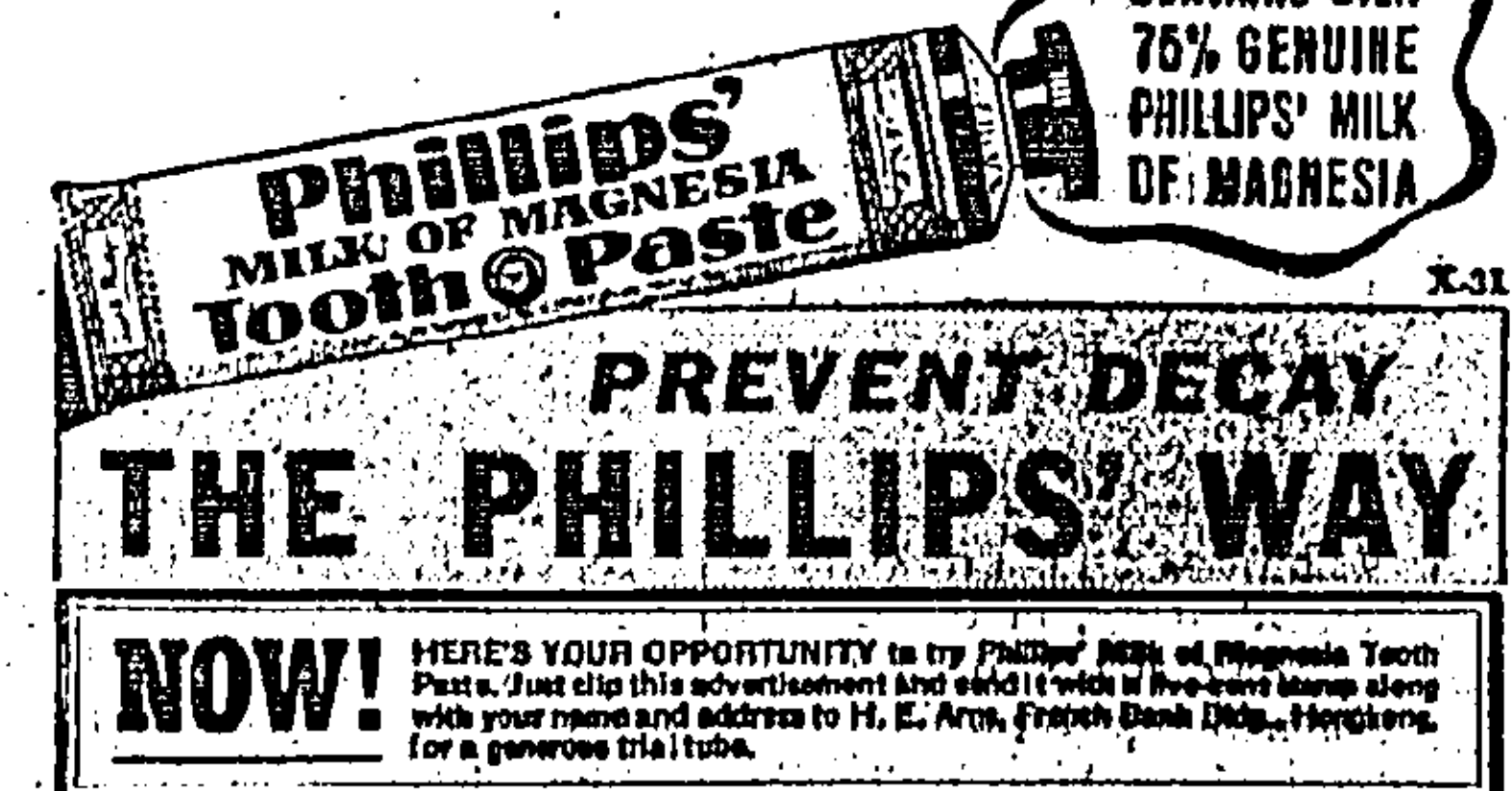
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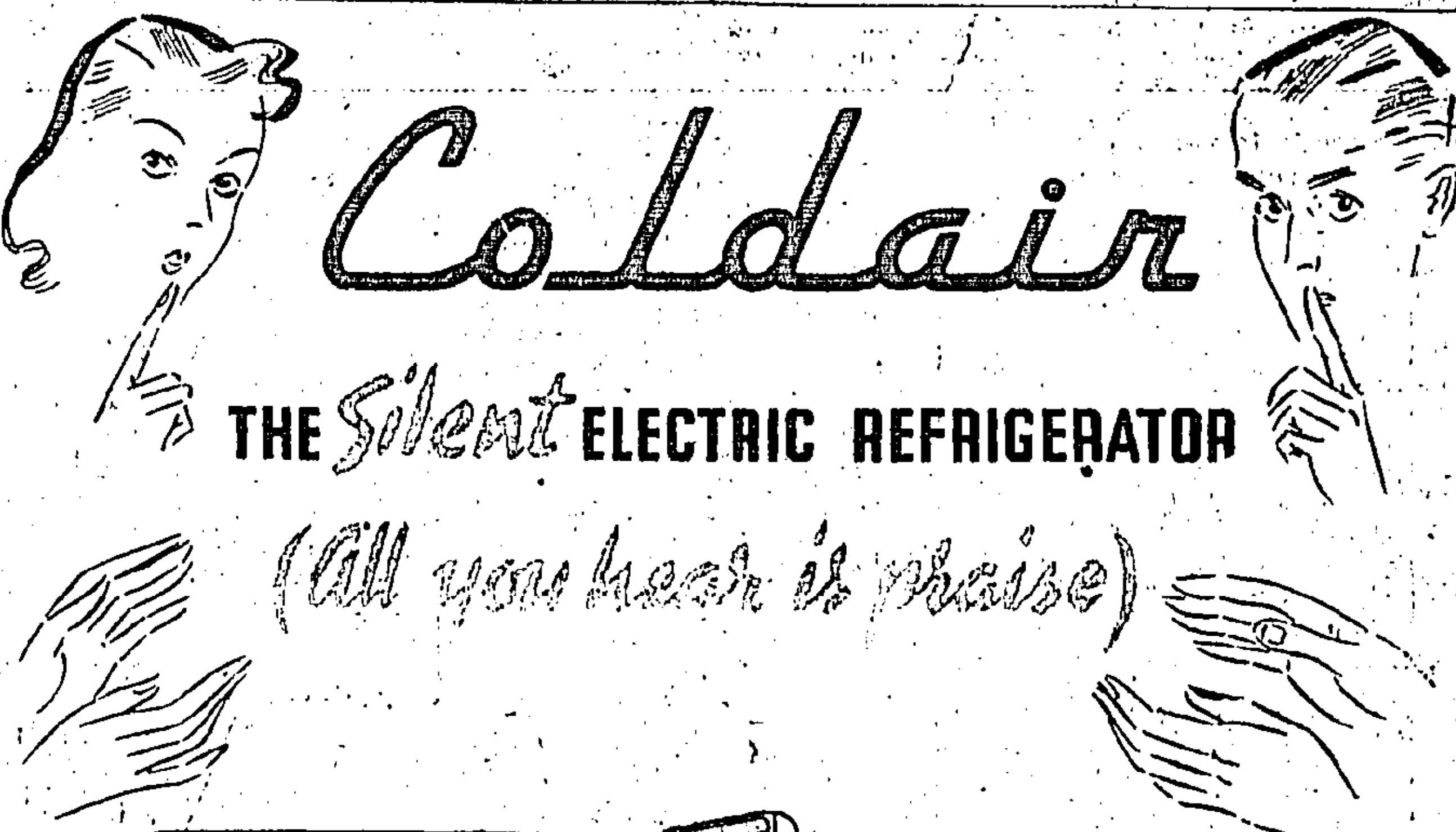
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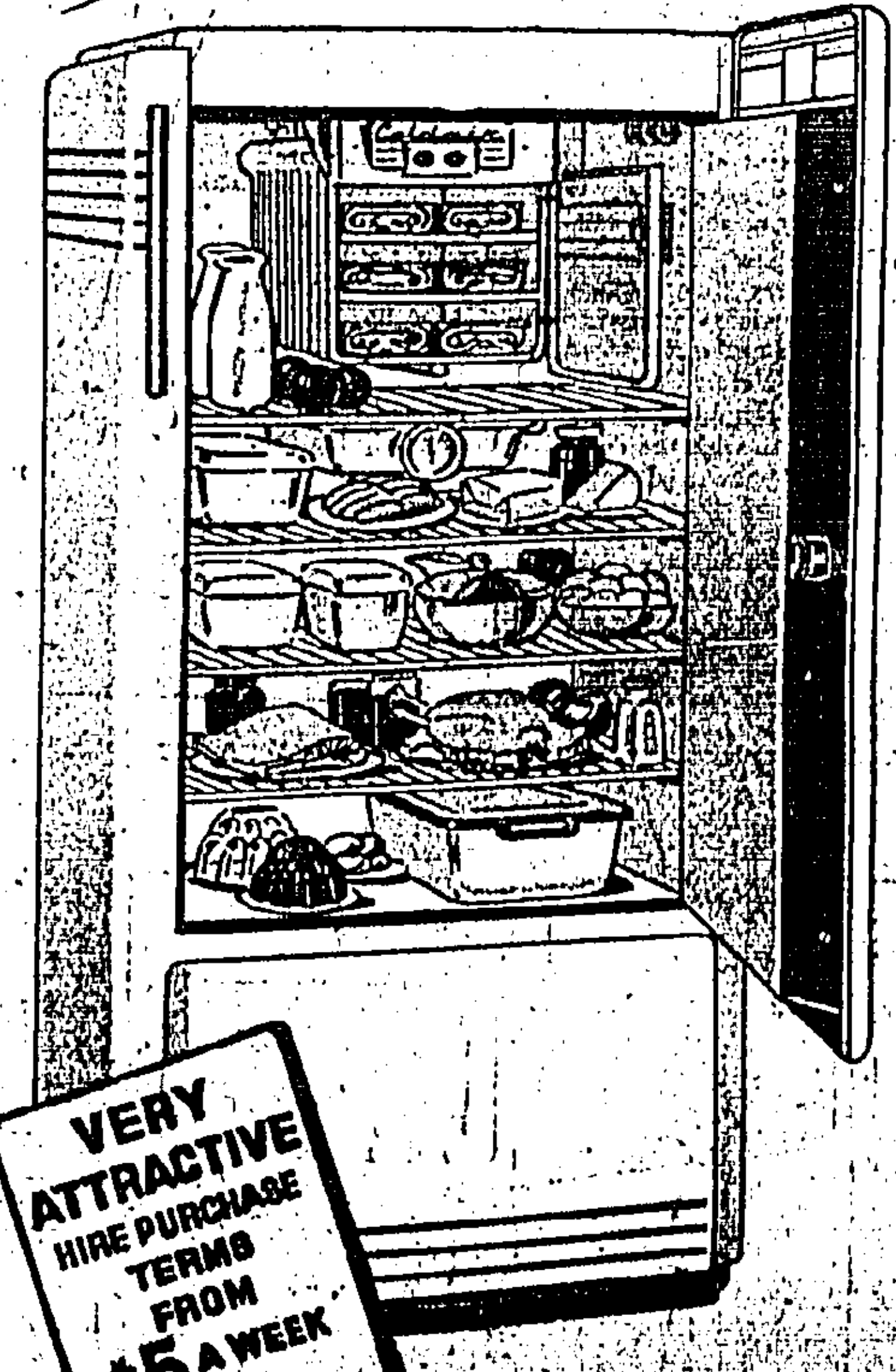
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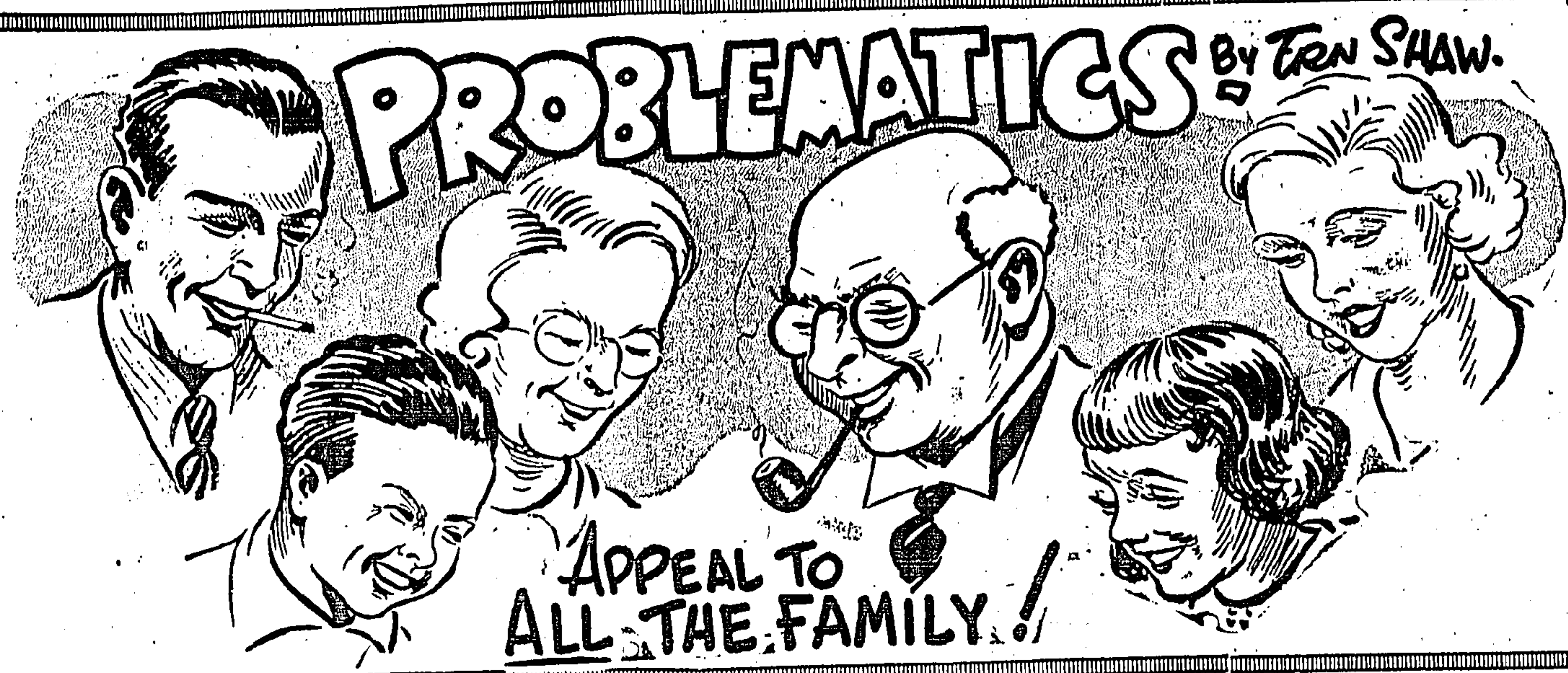
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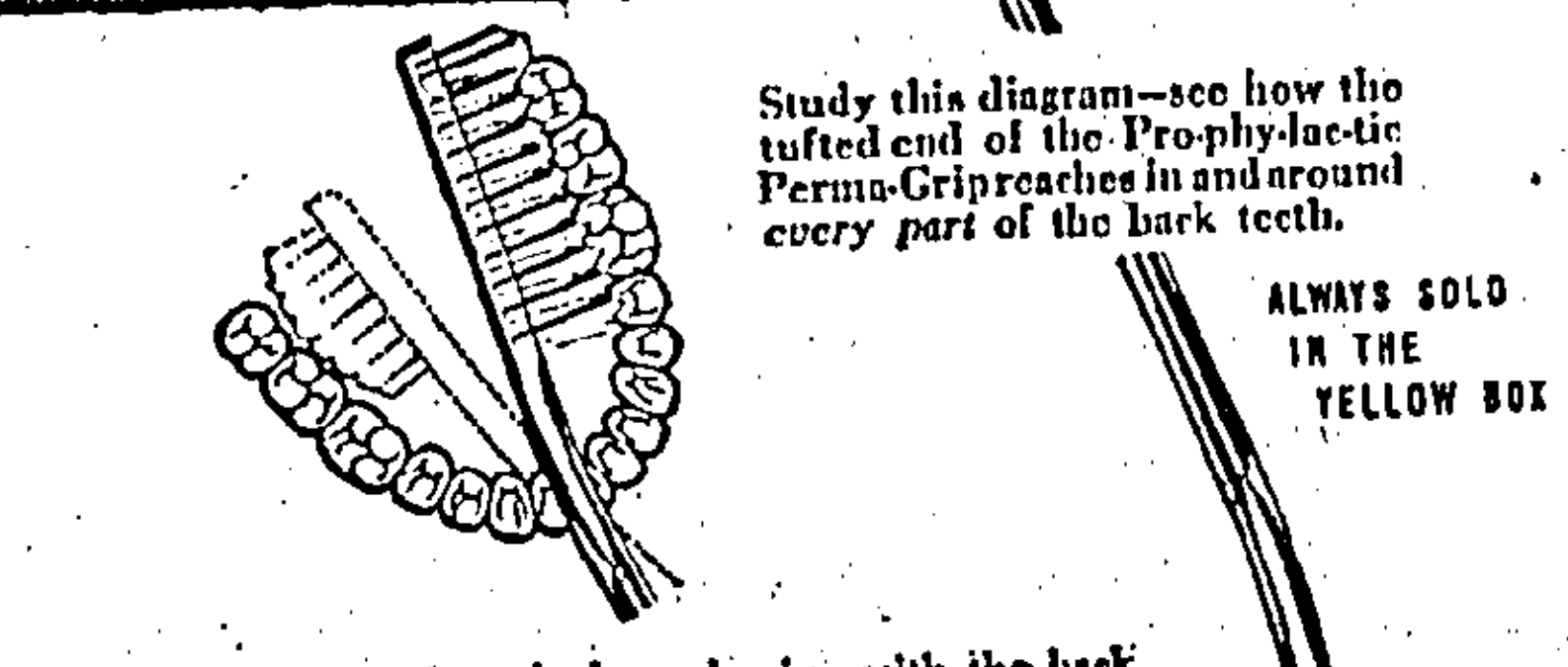
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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leslie Davis, who were married at the Registry on Thursday. Mrs. Davis is the former Miss Eileen Clewer.

PORTUGUESE COUPLE TO WED TO-DAY

Two well-known local sporting families will be united at the Rosary Church to-day when Miss Olga Yvanovich Ribeiro, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. V. Ribeiro, will become the bride of Mr. Wilfred Marriott Lawrence, Colony swimming champion and eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lawrence.

Miss Ribeiro has chosen for her wedding gown a white lace frock cut on princess lines, with a long train. Her going away dress will be of navy marquisette with sleeves embroidered in white lace and accessories to match. Both dresses by "Rivelle."

She will carry a bouquet of arum lilies and will be attended by Miss Stella Hyndman, who will be attired in a white organdie ermine dress laced with baby blue ribbon and will carry posies of white carnations.

Flower girls will be Miss Patsy Howell and Miss Virginia Ribeiro who will wear copies of the bridesmaid's frock.

The service will be conducted by Rev. Fr. Ross and the bride will be given away by her father.

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Twenty fully qualified European and nine Chinese Air Raid Warden-Instructors are working under the general guidance of the A.R.P. Officer, Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, and are lecturing at present to 500 Air Raid Warden "undergraduates," who are shortly to take their final examinations.

Schools are being given special courses of instruction and are preparing their own dug-outs.

Twenty emergency fire stations are being established on the Hong Kong side and ten in Kowloon.

A corps of cyclists to act as messengers in the event of telephone breakdowns is being created.

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins stated yesterday that there has been an encouraging response from all nationalities and communities in the Colony to all appeals for air raid precaution volunteers.

Interest is now so great that special classes have had to be organized for Chinese, Europeans and other nationalities.

At present, eight classes are being held every night, four on the mainland and the remainder on the island.

There has also been a good response from business firms in the Colony to the request for nomination of men to take full charge of A.R.P. organisation for business houses in the event of an air-raid.

Over 200 names have been sent in to the A.R.P. Officer, and classes will shortly be started.

AUXILIARY FIRE STATIONS

In conjunction with the Air Raid Precautions work, ten Auxiliary Fire Stations are to be established on the mainland and 20 on the island.

The stations will be distributed and each will "cover" a certain area in the event of an emergency. Each station, it is planned, will be manned by five volunteer-firemen and equipped with trailer pumps.

One hundred volunteers are now being trained as firemen, and it is learned that an additional 100 will shortly be called for to serve the Colony in the same capacity. Ten Pump Units, it is also planned, will be distributed on the waterfronts, and will be used to pump water out of the harbour to extinguish fires caused by incendiary bombs.

SERVICE FOR BOY SCOUTS

Five hundred Boy-Scouts in the Colony have been placed at the disposal of Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins.

With the consent of their par-

ents, the boys will be trained as messengers.

They will be formed into different groups, the main object of their service being to convey necessary information from bombed areas to the nearest Air-Raid Warden Stations.

In addition, the Colony will be served by a group of cyclists who will act as despatch-riders.

Forty-five members of the Hong Kong Cycling Club have tendered their services and will be trained, under the supervision of the A.R.P. Department, in what to do in an emergency.

IN THE SCHOOLS

All school-children in the Colony will be expected to do their share.

Schemes are being drawn up to provide students in boarding schools with protection against gas, incendiary bombs and high explosives.

In an emergency, all schools will be closed.

Classes are now being held for school masters and mistresses by the Air Raid Precautions Department.

Students in boarding schools will be trained and each will have a specific duty assigned.

Day scholars will return home where they can be in charge of their guardians.

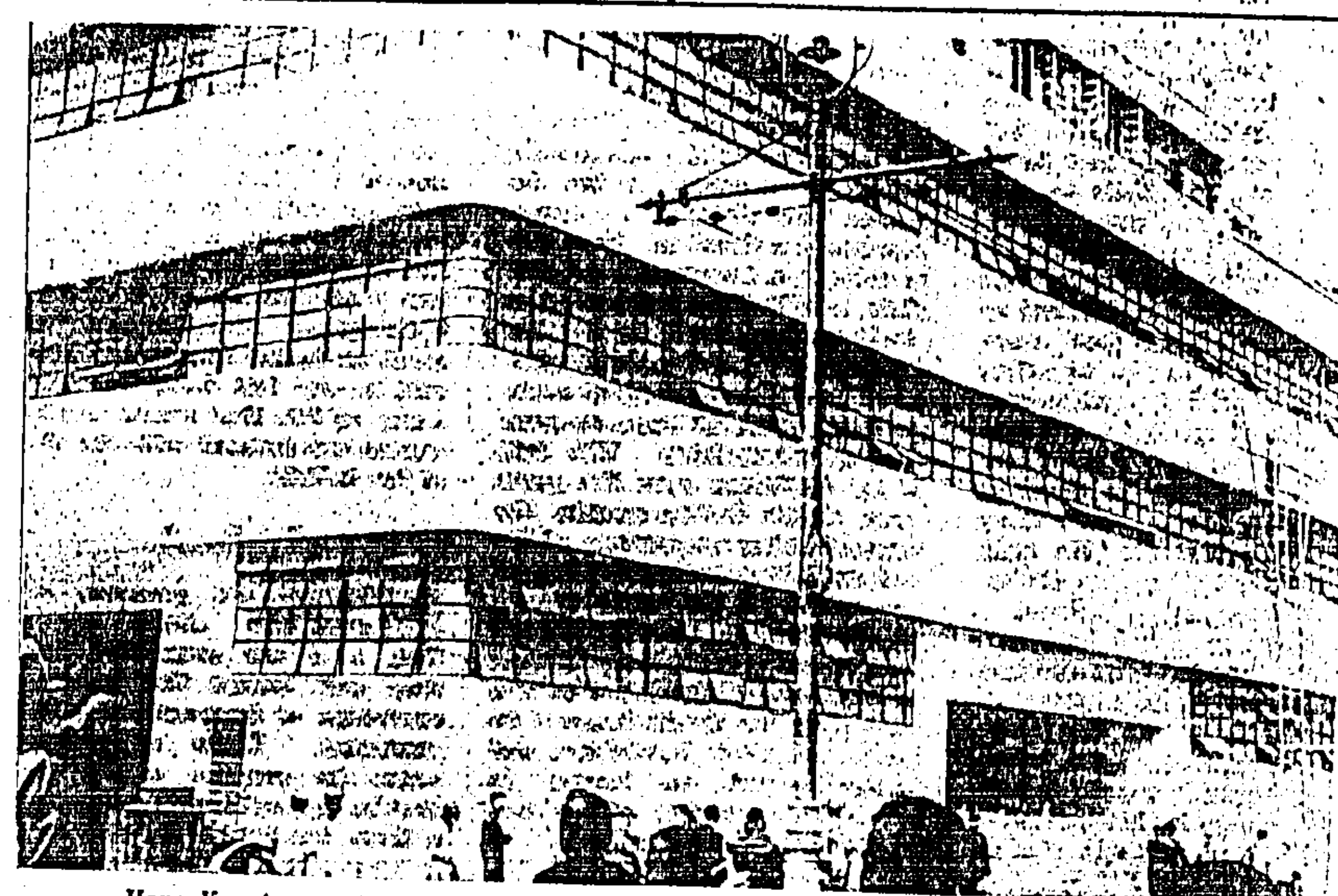
DUG-OUT PREPARATIONS

Many of the Colony's private residences will soon have their own dug-outs and air-raid shelters.

Several residents on the Peak and Mid-Levels have already constructed dug-outs in the gardens and compounds of their houses.

Under the supervision of the A.R.P. Department, many residents on both sides of the harbour have completed provisions against air-raids.

A number of schools and colleges are constructing their own dug-outs and classrooms have been selected for air-raid shelters.



Hong Kong's new Central Market, in Queen's Road, which is to be opened on May 1.

POWER TAKEN TO INTERN ALIENS

An amendment to the emergency regulations gazetted yesterday authorises the confinement of aliens in concentration camps, in certain circumstances. Paragraph 5 authorises the police, or persons authorised by the D.M.S., or members of His Majesty's Forces to arrest, using force if necessary, any person who appears to be an alien to whom the regulation applies.

POLICE OBJECT TO DOUBLE DECKERS

(Special to "Sunday Herald")

The K.R.A. at its last meeting decided to make an effort to expedite the placing of double-deckers on bus-routes on the mainland.

It is learned, however, that the proposal has, and still is opposed by the police department on various grounds.

Principal objection is the weight of the vehicles.

Sooner or later the trees on Nathan Road would have to be cut down. It was also pointed out to the "Sunday Herald" that at first some heavy pruning might be done but eventually it would be found that all the trees would have to be done away with to make way for double-deckers.

The Star Ferry overhead shelter would have to be raised.

MISS MATHILDA PANG MARRIED

A beautiful Chinese wedding took place at the St. Margaret's Church, yesterday, when Miss Mathilda Pang, became the bride of Mr. Ng Chung Chow. The Rev. Father U. Galbani officiated assisted by Rev. Father Page, and Rev. Father Spierli.

The bride was given away by her father Mr. Pang Kwok-sui, well-known local merchant.

A reception was later held at the Gloucester Hotel.

TO BE MARRIED SHORTLY

The well-known local sportsman, Mr. E. F. Fincher, who recently announced his engagement to Miss Irene Eleanor Gittins, is to be married shortly.

Notice was posted at the Registry yesterday.

Notice was also given of the wedding of Miss A. U. Cohen and Mr. J. Y. Hutton-Potts.

Friends of Miss Phyllis Harris

Lady Assistant to the Honorable Secretary for Chinese Affairs, will be married to Mr. J. Y. Hutton-Potts.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON LABOUR CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG

("Sunday Herald" Special)

A detailed report on local labour conditions has been submitted by Mr. H. R. Butters, former Senior Magistrate, now Labour Officer, to the Government.

Mr. Butters took over the newly-created post in December and has since been engaged personally visiting factories and workshops in Hong Kong, to inspect conditions prevailing in the 850 odd establishments.

Interviews and conversations were arranged with proprietors of factories during the past month and the report was completed on data obtained personally by the Labour Officer.

The report covers labour conditions in different factories, etc., including the mines in the New Territories; the scale of wages; working hours; holidays; and the extent of woman and child labour.

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An Invitation And, In A Sense, A Challenge

Sir.—There has been considerable correspondence in the local press for some time about Chinese serving their country in time of war. Many writers have stated that they were not given a chance, blaming nepotism, politics etc.

Here is a chance. I wonder how many are patriotic enough

per month and certain mileage allowances. The work is hard and the hours long and no medals for bravery are given.

Returned students, doctors of law, bachelors of science and engineering make excellent drivers.

It would be a wonderful boost for Chinese morale if the edu-

cated classes would volunteer for this humanitarian service.

Those interested are invited to communicate with P.O. Box No. 465.

The writer has received a letter from Kwelyung stressing the urgent need for ambulance drivers. The basic pay is \$45 N.C.

Makers Of Utopias . . . Always Picture A Static Society;
Perfection With No Need For Further Change: They Do
Not Allow For The Violent Rebellion Which Would Follow Such

Frantic Boredom

MR Wingfield Stratford in his lively and stimulating *Little, as Victor Hugo called him, social history of Victorian* who gave her 18 years of shoddy England lets fall a remark which magnificence, ending with Mexico and Sedan.

The author thinks that the Western Roman Empire died of boredom, not of the Goths. I should not have chosen this example. Empires generally die of indigestion, as Napoleon said. The Roman Empire died of a complication of diseases, one of which was Rome, the vampire city which consumed everything and produced nothing.

But there are several better examples. Louis Philippe, with his umbrella and his bourgeois appearance, was not a romantic figure. But has France ever been better governed than during his reign? Nevertheless, as was said at the time, "France is old folk cannot understand this bored." So the old king was packed off in a four-wheeler. "Fils de Saint Louis, montez au fau," as an unkind bystander remarked.

Or take our own history. We did not recover from the Napoleonic War till 1850. A series of financial crises, and "the hungry forties," made that period as unpleasant as that in which we are now living. But with 1850 began a time of unexampled prosperity and contentment. What did we do? We must needs pick a quarrel with Russia, which had not the slightest wish to attack us. Ministers were rushed into the Crimean War, which no one now defends, by popular enthusiasm. The people, or those who then had votes, were spilling to force opium on the poor Chinese, who were too weak to make war amusing.

Even now there are people who would welcome war as a relief from humdrum existence. We said at the time, "France is old folk cannot understand this bored." So the old king was packed off in a four-wheeler. "Fils de Saint Louis, montez au fau," as an unkind bystander remarked.

tries the suicide rate fell during the Great War! The drama was too exciting for the spectators to wish to walk out in the middle of it.

Makers of Utopias (the writing of these books is a masculine weakness: women never write them) always picture a static society, in which, perfection having been reached, there is no need for further change. They do not allow for the frantic boredom which would soon produce a violent rebellion.

There are static societies, no doubt—those of the social insects. But we may hope that the bees and ants are mercifully in ignorance of the purgatory in which they live. If we had the virtues of the little busy bee, and of the slug which is an example to the sluggard, we should not be the lords of creation, nor should we be so discontented.

By The Very Rev.
W.R. Inge,
Former Dean of
St. Paul's

Could we endure to live in a Fabian farmyard of tame animals? We should be bored stiff, and be ready for any "reaction," even a military dictator, who would chastise us with scorpions.

There is an amusing paragraph in which William James describes how he spent a few days in a sort of summer camp, exposed to the full force of moral and spiritual uplift. "Out! What a relief!" he exclaimed when he escaped. He missed, he confesses, "the dear old devil."

A little girl once said, "Mummy, if I am very good in heaven, shall I sometimes be allowed to have a little devil up to play with?" She agreed with William James.

The mere fact of security is enough to drive many people mad with impatience and boredom. The privileged oligarchs under the Four Georges used to gamble away their fortunes, like the last Marquess of Hastings, one of the richest men in England, who is said to have lost £140,000 in one day, and died, a broken man, at 26, or the notorious madcap, Jack Mytton, of Shropshire. Even now, rich men often perform foolhardy exploits, as if life without danger were not worth living.

The question of boredom affects not only politics and life in society, but science, philosophy and religion. It is well known that our most popular teachers in astronomy and physics, men like Jeans and Eddington, are convinced that the universe is slowly running down like a clock. It will have an end, when life will be extinct everywhere; and therefore it must have had a beginning.

Since they know of no recuperative process in nature, it must have started "with a bang," as Eddington says. This sounds very orthodox; we used to be told that the bang took place in 4004 B.C., but it is a queer doctrine for a man of science.

The theory favoured in antiquity, and by some even to-day, is that the universe is eternal, and that the time-form with ourselves, it is because we of eternity, so recurrence, in vast have chosen a dull companion comic cycles, is the time-form of with no high interests; but this the activity of an unchanging is curable.

Creator. If the universe is running down like a clock, it must have been wound up like a clock, and it seems reasonable to suppose that whatever power wound it up once will probably wind it up again.

But our pundits are manifestly prejudiced against the idea of recurrence. Jeans has to admit that the shrunken stars, the "white dwarfs," may go on indefinitely in their present state. "It is difficult to see with what object," he adds. Another odd remark from a mathematician!

Others reject the theory of recurrence as "extreme pessimism." But is this poor old earth such a very bad place to live in? To me it is rather a comfort to know that our utopian reformers cannot do very much mischief with all their efforts.

If we adopt the theory of recurrence, we must give up Tennyson's "one increasing purpose." I do not know what an increasing purpose means; but it is obvious that an eternal purpose is eternally frustrate, for a purpose fulfilled is no longer a purpose.

The problem really boils down to this. Would the Creator be bored by administering a static universe? Can we imagine Him playing an infinite series of games of patience by Himself? Are Christian theology and philosophy right in teaching that God never changes, never develops into anything that He was not before?

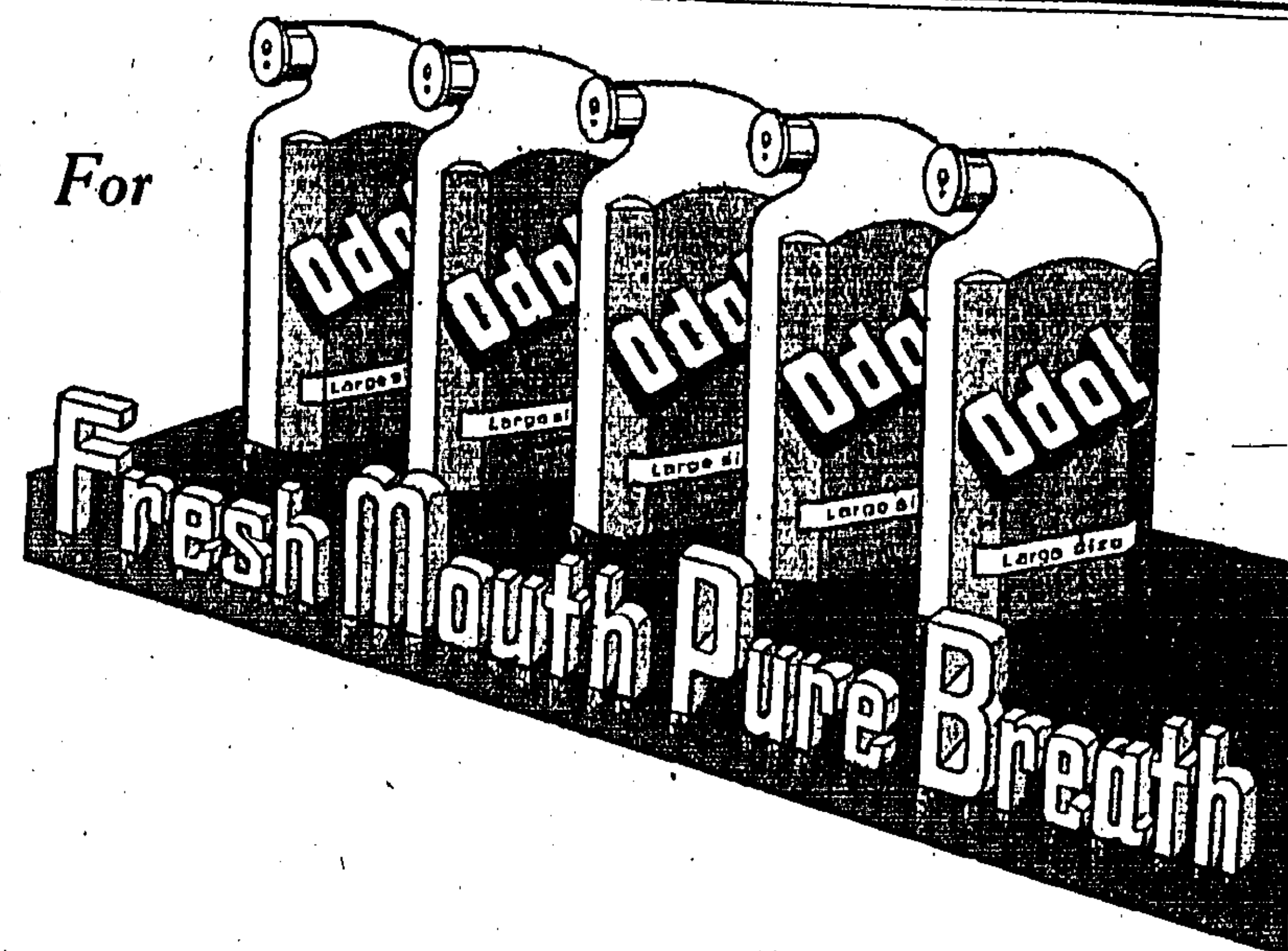
And we ourselves, are we to look forward to a state of unchanging fruition, which is the orthodox Christian view, or with Tennyson should we pray: "Give us the wages of going on and not to die"? Is not the prospect of the Christian Heaven, to speak very frankly, intolerably boring? Especially if we happen not to be musical, is not the prospect of having to listen through all eternity to interminable performances of orchestral music almost enough to deter us from the practice of virtue?

The idea of progress in Heaven is no part of the Christian religion, which does not mean that it is necessarily false. But the whole difficulty, it seems to me, is caused by our habit of regarding eternal life simply as a series of moments of time, snipped off at one end—at the moment when we are "launched into eternity" by hangman's rope or in the course of nature, but not at the other.

We can hardly help translating eternity into the language of time and place, but if we take these word-pictures literally we shall think salvation terribly boring, and reprobation senselessly cruel.

When we die, whatever our fate may be, we have probably done with time altogether, unless we believe in reincarnation, an idea which is firmly believed by most Asiatics, and by more people in Europe than is generally realised. And where there is no time, there can be no boredom. Nor do we ever get tired of the purest pleasures, which raise us into a timeless state here on earth.

Schopenhauer said that the two foes of happiness are pain and boredom, and that in the degree in which we escape one we approach the other. This is real philosophy. If we are bored with ourselves, it is because we of eternity, so recurrence, in vast have chosen a dull companion comic cycles, is the time-form of with no high interests; but this the activity of an unchanging is curable.



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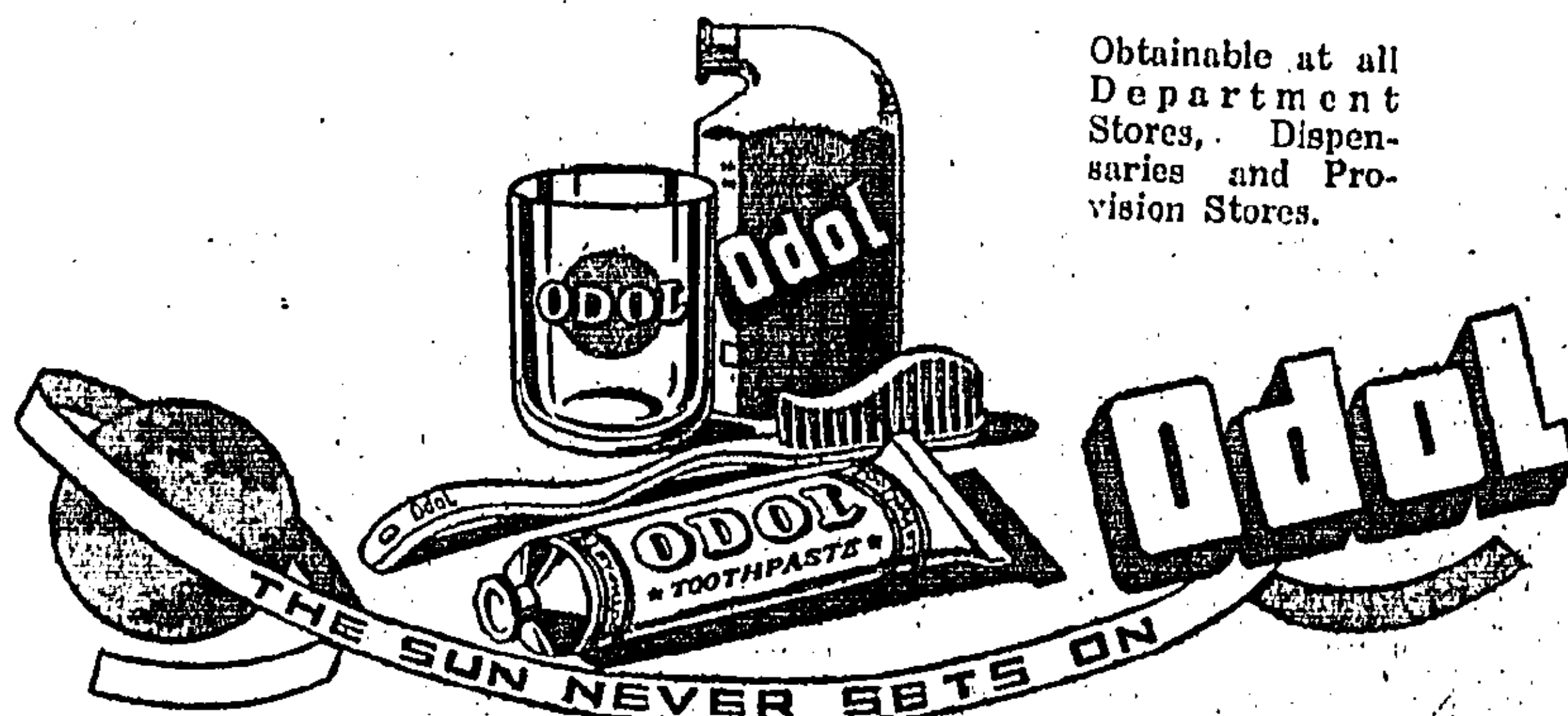
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A HONG KONG FAIRY STORY

The Great Purge

"JUST listen to this, Smzphiff."

I said:
"Hong Kong . . . where they laugh, trade, steal and kill . . . live and move with the jitters from sun-rise to sun-set and from sun-set to sun-rise . . . leprosy walls . . . all criminals . . . this Eden of gangsters . . . lives on traffic of arms, drugs and pleasure . . . 4 murders a day."

I was reading an extract from an extraordinary article in a French magazine about Hong Kong.

Smzphiff is a young friend of mine. He doesn't hail from central Europe as you might expect but comes from old English stock.

You will be relieved to hear that he pronounces his name "Smithy."

He blames an ancestor, who was a blacksmith, for the rather quaint style of spelling. It appears that this ancestor, though undoubtedly strong in the arm, was singularly weak in spelling.

When I had finished reading, Smzphiff then got his gun into position.

"Are you ready?" I asked.

"Not only ready, but itching to let go."

"Fire!" I ordered.

The carnage complete, I telephoned the Sanitary Department to remove the corpses.

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Like the rest of his dismal band, he suffers from sclerosis of the jaw—in other words, HE CAN'T SMILE. And, besides that, he's never been known to stand a drink."

"Enough said!" cut in Smzphiff.

"Let us extinguish such a canker—but how?"

"Leave it to me," I replied.

"We will first of all call him over," I caught the fellow's eye.

"Care to join us?"

"Certainly!" he answered, worming his way to our table.

"I suppose we might just as well have a drink while we can."

"While we can?" I queried.

"Yes, while we can, before we're blasted to pieces. Don't you know that Hong Kong is the danger spot of the East?"

"Console yourself," I said, with a significant glance to Smzphiff.

"It's quite on the cards that you may not live to see the next war."

Totally oblivious to his impending doom, the Human Blot then remarked:

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"You will probably need it!" I smiled.

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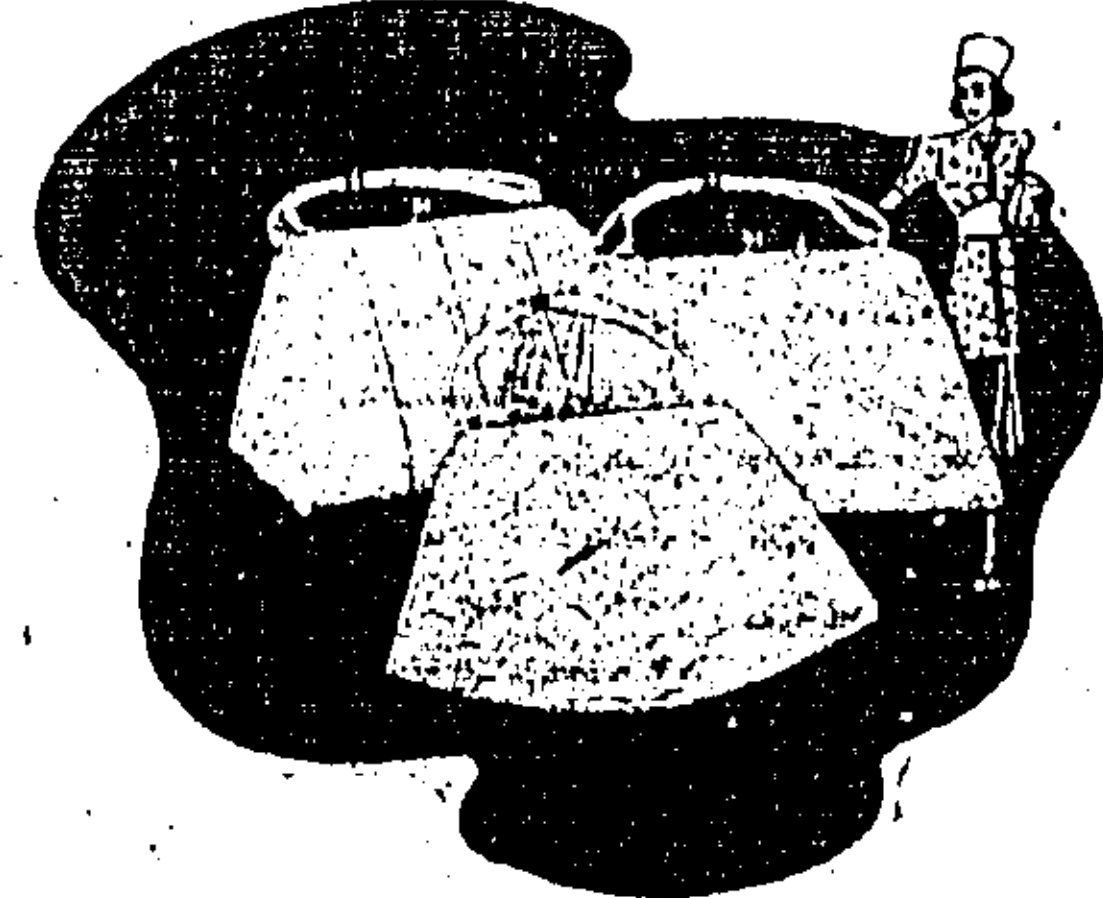
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STRIP TEASE DANCE OF DEATH

New York, Yesterday.

AFTER a round of gay night clubs, beautiful Mary Reilly, aged nineteen, went on with a party to the New York riverside penthouse of wealthy Hugh Hilliard.

There she did a "strip tease" as she danced to swing music from a gramophone.

As she whirled round the room flinging off her filmy clothing she slipped and her head struck the sharp corner of a table.

GUESTS SCREAMED

Frightened guests fled screaming.

Hilliard, himself only half-dressed, picked up the limp form of Mary and carried her through the streets in a dressing-gown to a nearby hospital.

Nurses had to prevent him from breaking into the operating room, where Mary died shortly after her arrival.

The police have exonerated Hilliard.

COMPULSORY SERVICE

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Compulsory service in China has been decreed for Japanese civil servants.

Those chosen will be required to stay in China for two years, after which they will be reinstated in their posts in Japan.—Our Own Correspondent.

Ten Thousand Police Employed To Break It

London, Yesterday.

TEN thousand police were engaged in killing one of the greatest plots to wreck the everyday life of this country—the I.R.A. "S" plan of blackmail by bombs.

The "S" plan is believed to have cost about £10,000 in explosives, propaganda, and other expenses. It killed one man, severely injured another, and did £20,000 worth of damage.

Sentences passed on seven men at the Old Bailey the other day marked the end of three months' work by Special Branch detectives, under Sir Norman Kendal, Chief Constable Canning, Superintendent Foster, and Chief Inspector Gill.

At the end of last August Scotland Yard received information about a number of I.R.A. men who were known as political agitators and began to flow into England. They were the organising committee of the campaign to destroy the public services of this country.

LETTERS IN CODE It was their duty to obtain volunteers. They sought out Irishmen living here. The recruits had to be men that could be trusted. Headquarters were set up in Liverpool, units organised throughout England.

Instructions came from Ireland by phone, or by telegrams and letters in code. Important messages were not entrusted to the mail, but sent by special courier. Even women were used to carry secret plans.

One woman slipped through the police net after her lodgings in North London were searched and incriminating documents and explosives discovered. It is thought that she is now in Dublin.

The organising committee met in public-houses and small cafes. They were led by one man—Mason—who was "O.C., I.R.A., Great Britain."

Maps were drawn up of power stations and works in London, Birmingham, Manchester, and Coventry. The country was divided into sections, labelled from A to S.

OPERATIONS BEGUN

Aluminium, black oxide, sulphuric acid, and potassium chlorate for bombs were being purchased in large quantities from various manufacturers. Dumps had to be arranged, and during December and January lorries frequently left an address in North London carrying explosive material to various parts of the country. It is thought that at least 200 men were now engaged in the plot.

By the end of December the plot was complete. The men were warned that there would be no excuse for failure. Then came Michael Fleming's letter to Lord Halifax on January 13 giving the Government four days in which to withdraw all British armed forces from Ireland. Fleming, who signed himself secretary of the I.R.A., was one of the men sentenced to penal servitude.

On the morning of the 16th the wreckers began operations by explosions in Southwark and Enfield. A hurried conference was called by Sir Norman Kendal at Scotland Yard—the I.R.A. were caught off their guard. A raid was carried out on all I.R.A. suspects in London.

With search warrants signed by the Commissioner of Police, the police visited 89 houses in London. Although only three arrests were made, the details of the "S" plan were discovered, and an arsenal of explosives.

BEAUTIFUL DANCER SLAIN ON STAGE

WARSAW, YESTERDAY. A BEAUTIFUL DANCER, MINLA ANVIENER, AGED TWENTY-THREE, WAS STABBED TO DEATH ON THE STAGE BY HER PARTNER, AN ITALIAN NAMED RICHARD VIGAR, IN THE FASHIONABLE CASANOVA CABARET, IN LODZ, POLAND'S SECOND LARGEST CITY.

About a hundred society men and women were present, including seven millionaires.

The pair were dancing on the stage when Vigar whipped out a dagger and stabbed the girl.

TWICE STABBED. Before any help could be given by the bewildered audience the girl was twice stabbed. She was taken to hospital dying, and the murderer was arrested.

The couple had been appearing in the cabaret for several weeks, and they were believed to be sweethearts.

When he was arrested Vigar stated: "I saw her making eyes to a millionaire in the audience. I warned her several times not to do it. She kept on flirting with him incessantly so I decided to make an end of it."

Many of the women guests at the show fainted when they saw the girl fall to the floor. Later the dance continued and another pair of dancers took their place.

HITLER'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT

Berlin, Yesterday. On the occasion of Herr Hitler's birthday next Friday, a military parade will be staged on a scale greater than anything ever before witnessed in Berlin.

It is suggested, incidentally, that Herr von Ribbentrop is straining diplomatic pressures to secure an agreement with Poland for cession of Danzig and certain other areas to Germany as a birthday present for the Fuehrer.

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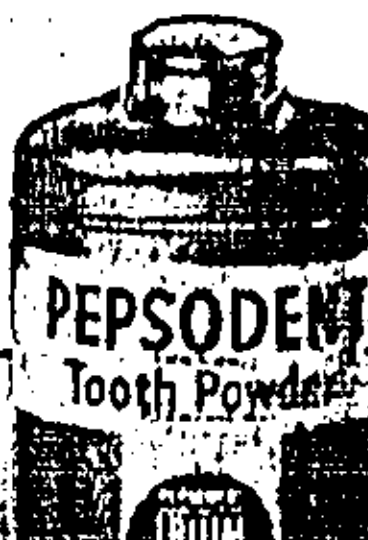


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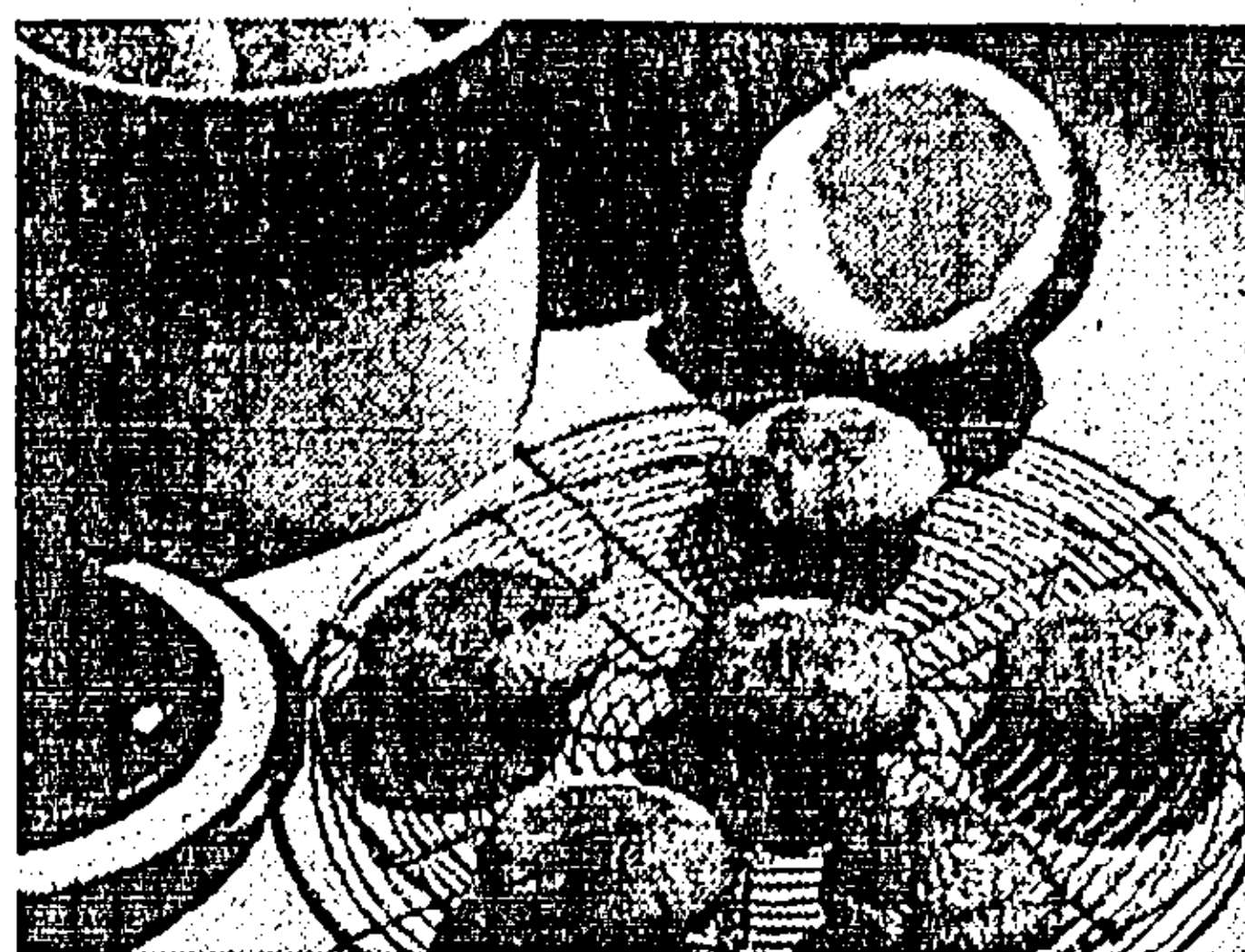
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CHINA'S INITIATIVE IN THE BATTLE ZONES

CHINESE seizure of the initiative on all the main fighting fronts this week is significant commentary on the pass at which the Japanese to-day find themselves.

It is not that any great importance, relatively, need be attached to the success of Chinese counter-operations at Kaifeng, north of Canton or along the Han River. Not for the present, at all events. The object lesson is one that makes Japan smart the more; for it means that not only has Japan failed in her prime military objective, defeat of the main Chinese army; but that even permission to sit tight and consolidate such gains as have been achieved is to be denied.

It means that Japan must continue to drive deeper; and in the knowledge that as it pursues that elusive objective, Chiang's primary force, it tends increasingly to lose definition.

Japan's anxiety to terminate hostilities can well be understood, if the success of China's tactics, wearying and wearing, were the only factor troubling Tokyo. But Japan's militarists have been no happier in their other objectives, the establishing of an obedient self-governing administration in the coastal regions or in North China.

Only this week Mr. Wang Keh-min confessed to the abject failure of the "famous" General Doihara to make Marshal Wu Pei-fu the figurehead of the administration. Now, Doihara's rival in government-manufacturing, General Kita, erstwhile Military Attaché to the Japanese Embassy in China, strives desperately to exploit his own scheme—to place the volatile renegade, Wang Ching-wei, at the head of a government in Nanking.

More peace feelers have been thrown out; and they include readiness to withdraw Japanese forces from all but North China; and the erection of an administration under Wang Ching-wei, in which Chiang Kai-shek, might, possibly, be given a subordinate position.

Wang Ching-wei's adherents are reported to be in Shanghai feeling out the ground; but they have been faced with a "request" that Japanese "advisers" be placed in all administrative departments, a condition which even Mr. Wang Ching-wei finds difficult to adjust to the "principles" which persuaded him to break with the national leadership.

It was inevitable, of course, that the meeting in Shanghai between Sir Archibald Kerr Clark-Kerr and Sir Robert Craigie should have given rise to speculation concerning a further stimulus to Japan's peace drive, but, beyond the fact that Sir Archibald is headed for Chungking, to see the Generalissimo, it is self-confirmary of the ambassadorial denials, there are the recent British stabilisation loan, the grant of further substantial credits, and Anglo-American challenges to Japanese arrogance in Shanghai to remove Britain from the role of unwelcome mediator.

It would be safer to predict an intensification of the large-scale Chinese counter-offensive now begun than a miracle peace as the outcome of Britain's diplomatic activity in the Far East.

To the degree that Czechoslovakia failed to bring home realisation of the full menace of Axis strategy, Albania supplied the deficiency. This has, therefore, been a week of intense diplomatic activity, of the rallying of forces for self-defence, culminating in the addition of Greece and Rumania to those countries to whom Britain has given an unequivocal guarantee of military assistance. For France, M. Daladier made a statement similar to that of Mr. Chamberlain: Any aggressive act against Greece or Rumania, which either country considers it vital to resist, will involve Britain and France in war on the side of the victim.

Peace or war? The grim question mark exercising every mind remained as perilously unanswered as ever. Mr. Chamberlain's statement, important as it was, amounted merely to an extension of the anti-aggression front to which Britain became committed by the agreement with Poland, and the debates in both Houses of Parliament were principally notable for the widespread feeling that it did not go far enough, that the chain would be dangerously incomplete until the Soviet had been brought in to complete the links. Neither Italy nor Germany showed signs of repentance. Germany's response to the announcement was a fit of spleen. Italy, slightly assuaged by decision not to denounce the Anglo-Italian Agreement, showed a cold reserve. Any encouragement that might have been derived from this source was spoiled later by demonstrations in Rome and a speech by Mussolini which echoed his "I won't be a prisoner in the Mediterranean" speech.

Close analysis of developments fails to bring conviction that Europe is any the less nearer the verge of war. The sole remaining hopes lie in two

THIS WEEK

well understood facts. The policy of Britain is wholly defensive and neither Britain nor France would contemplate provoking hostilities. The aggressive policy of the Dictators is conditioned: their purpose is to gain their desired ends without war. The great importance is whether the Dictators can, at this stage, or will, recognise the bold "Halt" sign of the democracies. Apart from inclination, any slight miscalculation, or some unexpected shift in the world balance of power, can precipitate or avert conflict.

Mr. Roosevelt endeavoured to throw the weight of America on the side of peace by a Pan-American Day declaration, extending the principle of the Monroe Doctrine, warning the Dictators that it would be unwise to leave the United States out of account in estimating the probabilities even in a European war. The implicit assumption that American factories will provide munitions for the anti-aggression front in the event of war is more important in the present war of manoeuvre than many divisions of troops.

No slackening of tension is, however, apparent. On the contrary, fast on the heels of German announcement of naval manoeuvres off Spain, came cumulative reports of abnormal troops movements near Gibraltar, and steady increase in Italian concentrations on the Libyan-Egyptian frontier. Germany explained her naval manoeuvres as restoration of former practice, but the indiscretion of such a decision at this particular juncture was plain enough to justify suspicion of ulterior motive. Britain's transfer of troops from Palestine to Egypt proceeded steadily and the rapidly. Italy felt she had no need to repeat former "explanations"

tions" of the Libyan concentrations. General Goering, having surveyed the scene, hastened his visit to Rome by several days, affording scope for further speculation.

Hungary committed herself further to Axis suzerainty by resigning the League and accepting invitations to Rome and Berlin. Yugo-Slavia, tied hand and foot in the Adriatic, was cautious, while indicating fairly plainly where her sympathies reposed. Bulgaria was the scene of an interesting incident: refusal of the Government to permit discussion of foreign policy; and a walk-out of the opposition in protest. Underground, Bulgaria's realisation that the Balkans will stand or fall according to their degree of unity when the crisis comes, appeared to be giving rise to acceptance of the principle of the common front. The proposed Anglo-Soviet-French air pact, safely concluded, might do startling but comforting things to European alignments.

Tokyo, too, found herself preoccupied with problems of foreign policy. Presentation of a secret report on European affairs to Prince Saionji was an earnest of the vital nature of the decision at stake. Revelation came that the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin practically committed Japan to extension of the anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance and that the Emperor in Privy Council quashed any such commitment. Wednesday's deliberations, however, indicated that the issue was, in all probability, being revived and the decision reached was awaited in diplomatic circles with some anxiety. Germany's new barter agreement with China was a calming consideration. The jigsaw just refused to fit.

SCRUTATOR.

Battle Of Ideas: by Arthur Horner New Life For Labour

THE Trade Union movement in Great Britain has achieved a position of great importance. It has developed to such an extent that it is decisive in certain aspects of the nation's existence.

From the agitational and propaganda movement it was at its birth, it has grown into a great machine, responsible for the welfare of the workers in all their dealings with the employers and the State.

Despite setbacks from time to time, the membership has grown fairly consistently. In the peak year (1920) there were 6,400,910 members within the Trades Union Congress. In 1938 there were 4,460,617.

This, the present membership, is far from being satisfactory. There are more than 12,000,000 insured workers now in employment and it is reasonable to assume that at least 10,000,000 of these could be brought into the Unions.

During recent years there have been considerable changes in the ratios of the various categories of workers. The numbers employed in heavy industries have fallen, as in the case of mining, while there has been increased employment in light, secondary industries.

Women are now engaged in work formerly performed by men as in light engineering. These and other factors have caused a shifting of industry, resulting in the emergence of deserted derelict areas on the one hand and new industrial communities on the other.

The need for what I would call a more intensive movement is suggested by the following table of the number of Unions in the different Trade Groups of the T.U.C. in 1938:—

	No. of Unions	Members
Mining and quarrying	8	599,128
Railways	3	470,721
Transport	9	408,450
Shipbuilding	4	82,478
Engineering, etc.	27	530,853
Iron and steel	19	139,707
Building, woodwork	10	858,508
Printing and paper	10	178,940
Cotton	80	101,032
Textile (other than cotton)	14	210,004
Clothing	8	107,146
Leather, boot & shoe	6	105,384
Glass, pottery, etc.	18	318,470
Agriculture	1	40,500
Public employees	5	79,278
Non-manual	1	982,684
General workers	3	407,646
Total	216	4,460,617

This reveals an alarming condition of affairs. Despite a limited measure of unification through amalgamations and mergers, we still remain very fragmentary and dispersed.

The need for unification is outstanding, but the degree of actual organisational unity lags far behind what is urgently necessary. Cotton, textiles and engineering may be particularly cited.

Old responsibilities have been extended, and new functions undertaken, and these have tended to overwhelm the Trade Unions with administrative business to such an extent as to endanger the propaganda and agitational sides of the movement.

What with Trade Boards, Industrial Councils, relations with employers, Unemployment and Health Insurance, the preparation of new legislation to govern protective measures against accident and disease, the procuring of compensation for injured workmen, and so on, the tendency is to fail to see the wood for the trees.

At the same time, it is not possible to estimate the power of any movement unless regard is had to the actual and potential allies of that movement.

The relations of the Trade Union movement with the political and Co-operative Movements are therefore of vital importance at all times. A good deal of the work of the Trade Unions is negated by the fact that the Government of the day is an employers' Government, ready on all occasions to place the resources of the State behind their interests.

Had we a Government well disposed towards the workers either a straight Labour Govern-

ment or a wider Government of progressive elements with Labour as its head—the Trade Union movement could achieve many reforms which are now impossible.

The Co-operative Movement has filled the role of ally to the political and industrial movement of the workers for many years. It could be still more effective were it freed from the effects of legislation passed into law by reactionary Governments aimed at crippling its efficiency as a trading concern, by reducing its resources, therefore lessening its potential value as an ally of the workers.

Legislation having the same purpose, namely, to impede the organisation and freedom of action of the workers, is found in the Trades Disputes Act.

Not only has it served to cut off the Civil Servants from the great army of the workers, it has intimidated certain leaders to such an extent that they work in fear of a repetition of the General Strike which might bring the provisions of this repressive measure into effect against them.

What of the future? The perspective before the movement will be largely determined by the deterioration which continues in the economic structure at home and abroad.

The classic capitalist method is to resort to pressure upon the workers to find easement through the degradation of wage standards, and restricted social services.

If this estimate is accepted as correct, then we must budget for general, if not equal, pressure upon the whole working class. That is, there must be general resistance along the whole line, and not merely by those workers in exposed industries.

The pioneer spirit of Trade Unionism must be revived.

Closer co-operation between the Trade Union, Labour and Co-operative Movements must be made to mean more than declarations of friendship. The circumstances of the time call for Staff Talks to prepare the defence and

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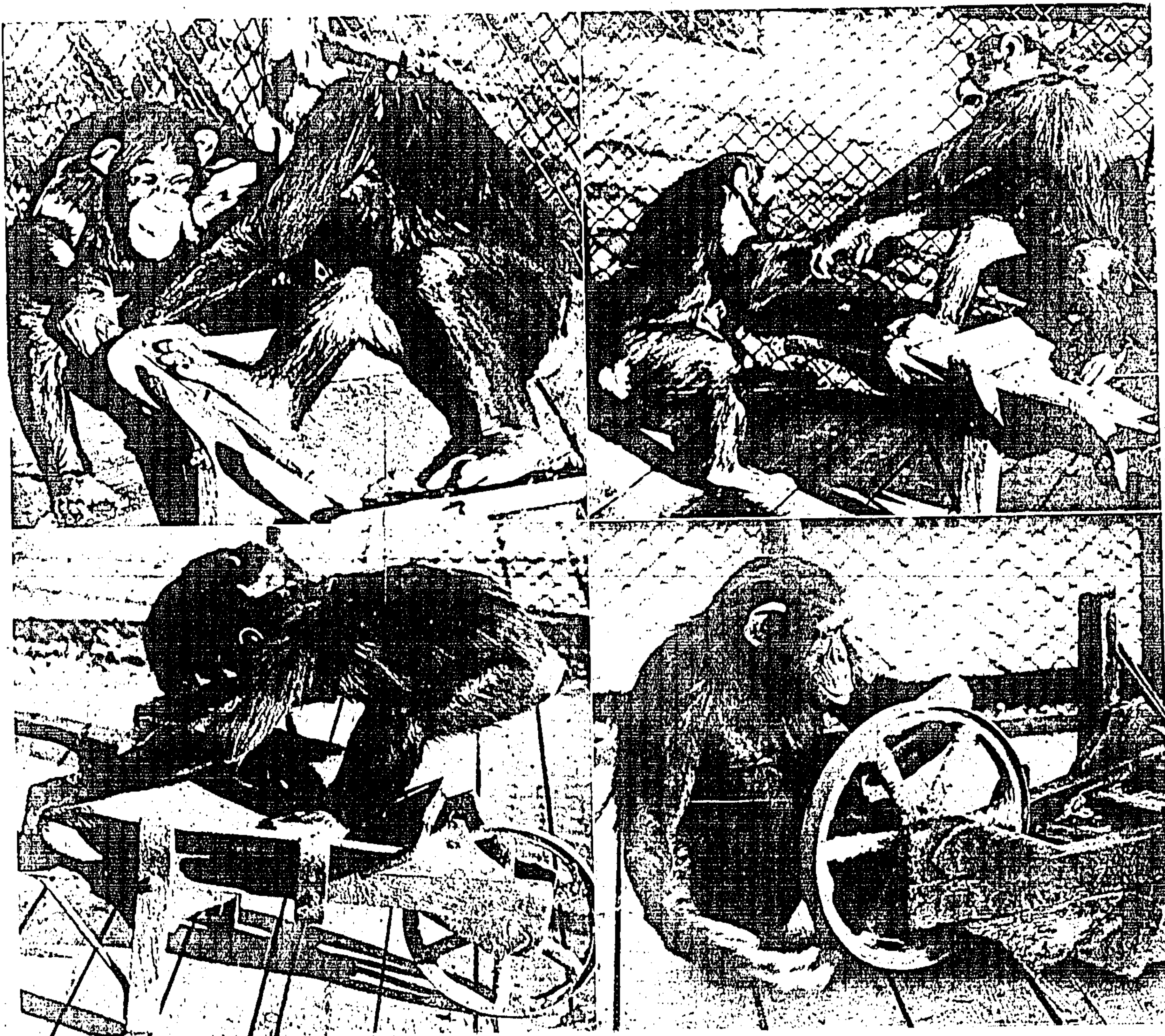
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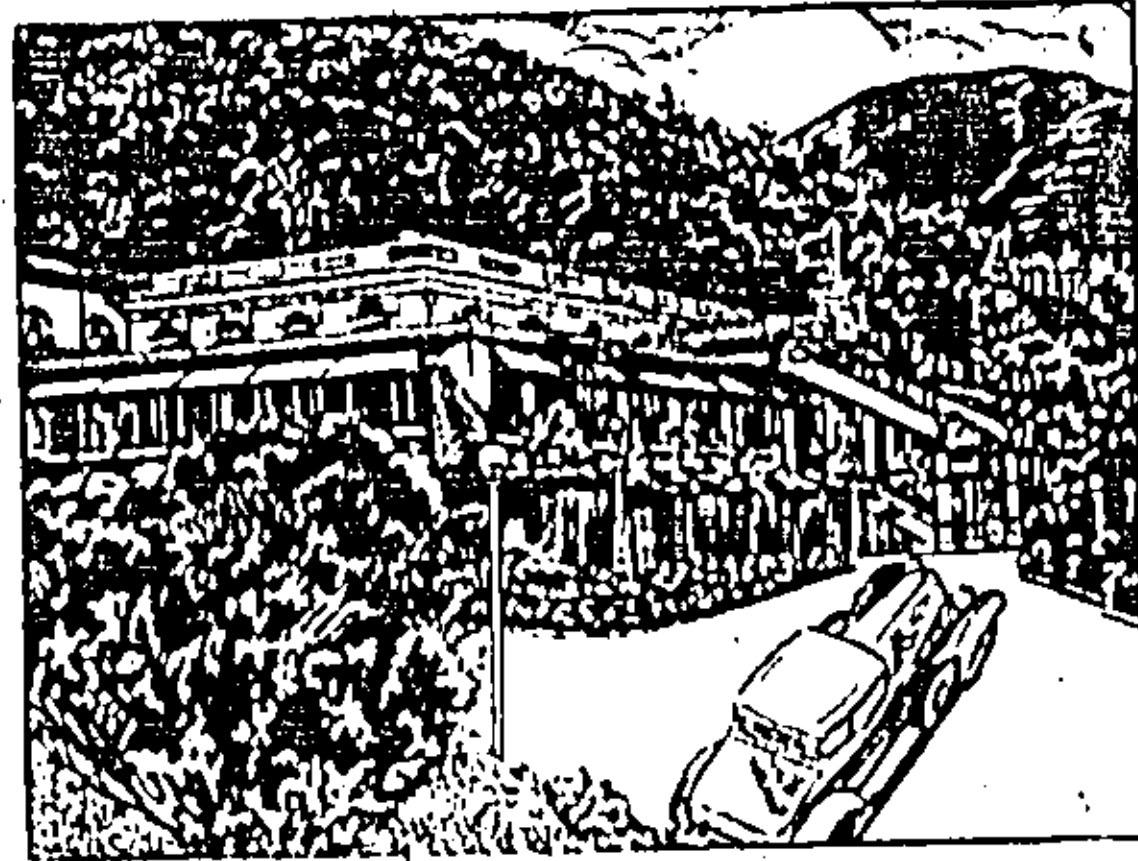


MONKEY BUSINESS

Ziki, one of the chimpanzees at the Whipsnade Zoo, loves playing with a wheelbarrow, but trouble starts as soon as the other chimps try and join in the fun. In the top left hand corner, Ziki is angrily warning off Millie, who wants to take charge of the barrow but, like all girls, Millie will play with fire and gets her hands slapped in the picture at top, right. Having subdued Millie at last, Ziki takes sole charge of the barrow (bottom left), turns it upside down and contentedly twirls the wheels (bottom right). Which all goes to prove that a determined man can have his way in the end. (Copyright, Fox).



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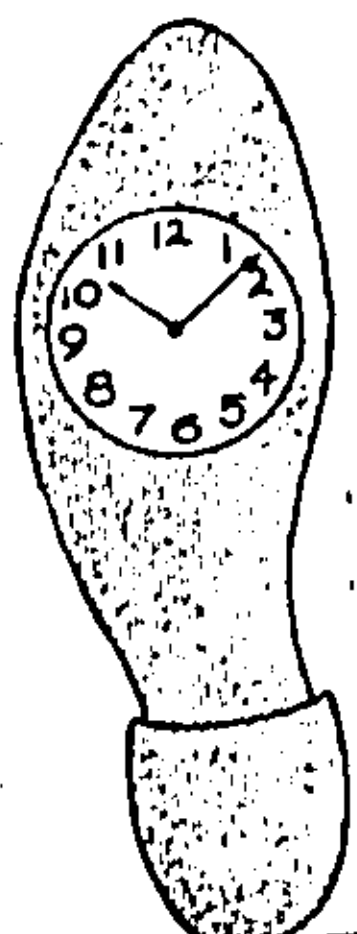
Mrs. R. O. Hall (at right), wife of the Right Reverend Bishop Hall, was among spectators at the Diocesan Girls' School annual sports held on April 6th.



Action during the Senior Three-Legged Race at the Diocesan Girls' School. The Misses June Hall and Vivian Churn are seen winning the event.

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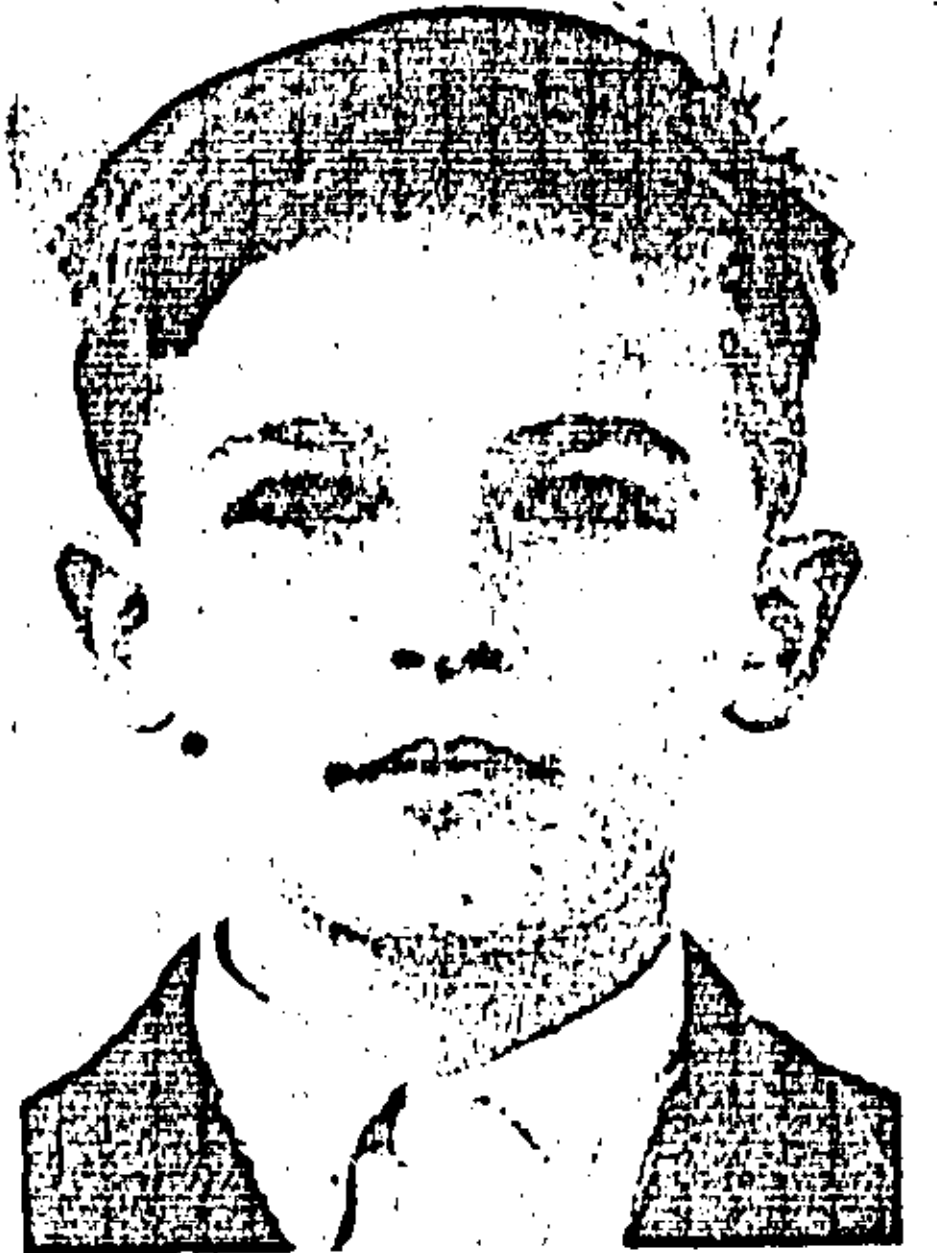


Mr. G. A. Goodban, M.A., headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School, sprinting to win the 100 yards Visitor's Race.



The Diocesan Girls' School's outstanding athlete, June Hall, competes in the Senior Long Jump, to win.

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The Week's Photography

Continuing this week on the subject of what type of camera to purchase there are two more types that must be mentioned although the newcomer to photography to-day is unlikely to go in for either. These two types are illustrated on this page, the first being a plate camera with groundglass focussing and the second, a reflex camera with focal-plane shutter.

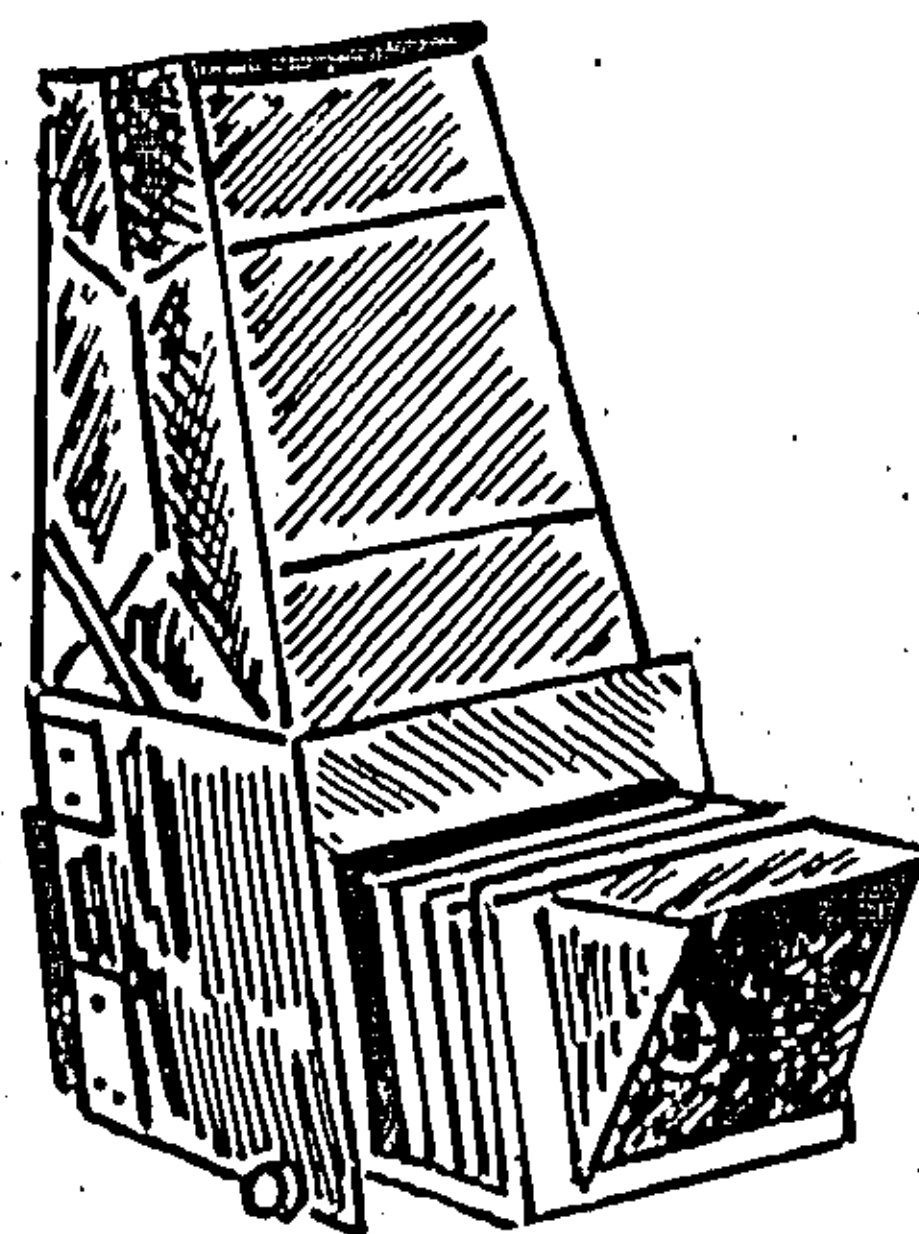
The modern tendency for speed, adaptability, compactness and handiness etc. has made the three models I spoke about last week very popular and in the average dealer's window the two illustrated on this page are seldom seen.

The plate camera is certainly not the handiest of cameras, but it is assuredly one of the most thorough-going of cameras and gives splendid value for money. Focussing is done on a groundglass at the back of the camera and, although the subject is upside down, you see exactly what you are going to get. I have used the term "plate" camera, but actually it also takes cut films and film pack. After the picture is focussed on the groundglass, the holder with the plate is placed in front of the glass, a protecting slide pulled out and the picture taken.

Some plate models have double extension bellows which permit of the lens being moved further from the plate than the single extension type. This facilitates close-up work, copying etc. and if you know your new hobby will eventually lead to this one day, this is the type of camera for you. A focussing scale is attached to most plate cameras, and although this can be used in place of the focussing by the groundglass, where very critical focussing is required it is better to do so from the back.

Turning to the reflex camera again, the illustration on this page shows the second type, the other having been featured last week. The larger model of this type is nearly the weight and size of a small trunk and one must be an enthusiast indeed to carry one around.

In this type there is a mirror behind the lens which reflects the image on a groundglass, right side up and just as the picture will appear. When the shutter is released the mirror flies up and allows the light rays to pass beyond to the film. As a rule a focal plane shutter is fitted, this being a shutter like a window shade with a slit in it. When the exposure is made, this snaps past the film, and light reaches the film through the slit.



Before leaving this subject there are one or two points that are worth mentioning. For those who intend doing a lot of photographic work in their home, it is worth remembering that a plate camera can be frequently made into an enlarger by removing the back, and this applies also to miniature cameras. Such conversion, however, is not so easy with roll-film and reflex models.

I have often noticed that beginners are keen to have cameras with high shutter speeds, but I would mention that it is but rarely that a picture at

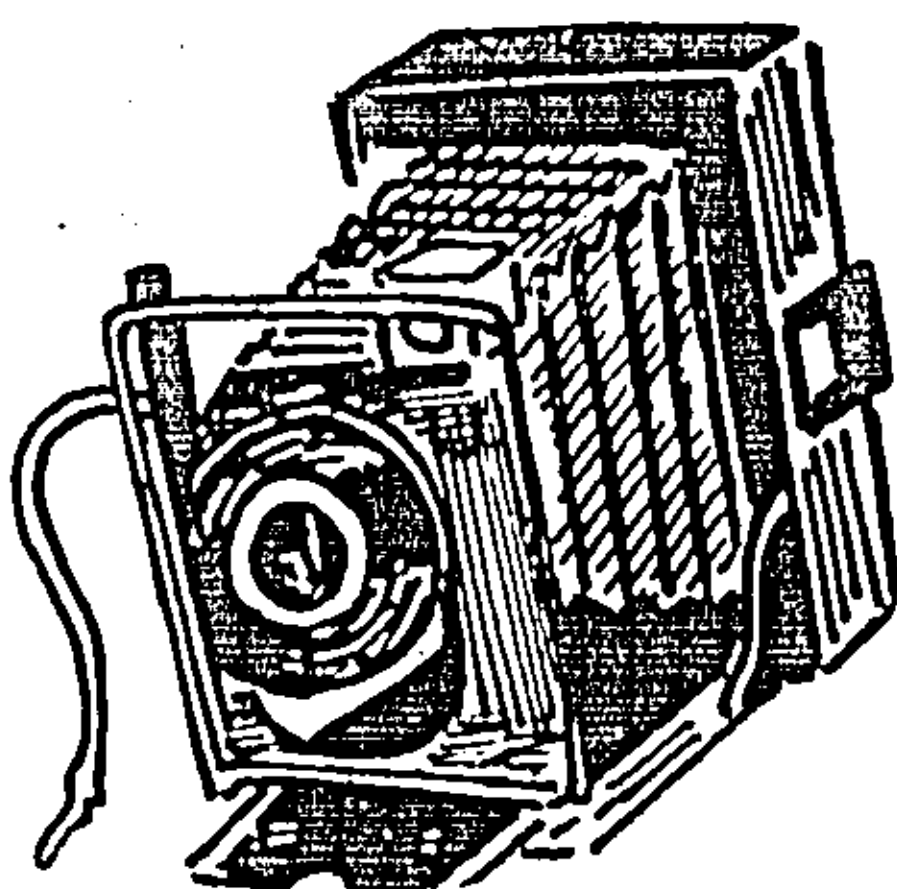
By "Shutter"

1/200 a second is inferior to one at 1/1000 a second. As a general rule slower speeds will be found more useful than the faster.

Finally, as I have said before an exposure meter is a good investment and will repay itself over and over again—so get one as soon as possible.

PICTURE TAKING AND COMPOSITION

The amateur photographer's path to-day is much smoother than it was. Formerly he was handicapped with



slow lenses and slow emulsions, although it must be said in passing that much of the work done in the early days can stand comparison with that produced to-day.

However, even with modern films, fast lenses, exposure meters and simplified processing etc., the amateur has to apply himself to the problems of composition and lighting. Wherever possible, composition should be made in the viewfinder before the exposure is made. In the case of plate and reflex cameras this will be much easier than in the case of cameras fitted with small optical viewfinders. In this event, of course, the print will have to be composed when it is being enlarged by cropping or masking.

PLACING THE SUBJECT

The photographer should try and imagine a picture cut into three divisions, both horizontally and vertically, as shown in Fig. (1). At a point about one-third of the distance between top and bottom and about one-third of the distance in from one side, will be the strongest point of interest, Fig. (2). As you will see this falls at the intersection of four of the picture's six imaginary sections. Except for its lack of bal-

ance, this arrangement is quite satisfactory. If another subject is introduced, opposite to the first, as in Fig. (3), the pattern becomes too regular and there is competition for attention.

Now in Fig. (4), an attempt is made to correct this by removing the second object and placing a minor subject about one-third inward from the right and about one-third down the right and about one-third down the left. As you will note, the balance is improved but the picture is now divided diagonally, which is not so good, so Fig. (4) can be improved.

This is done by introducing a minor subject to the lower right-hand corner, Fig. (5), which is a much more satisfactory arrangement. Another suggestion is illustrated in Fig. (6) in which the arrangement provides the necessary balance and holds the picture together. It will be observed that the main subject is not in the centre and it never should be.

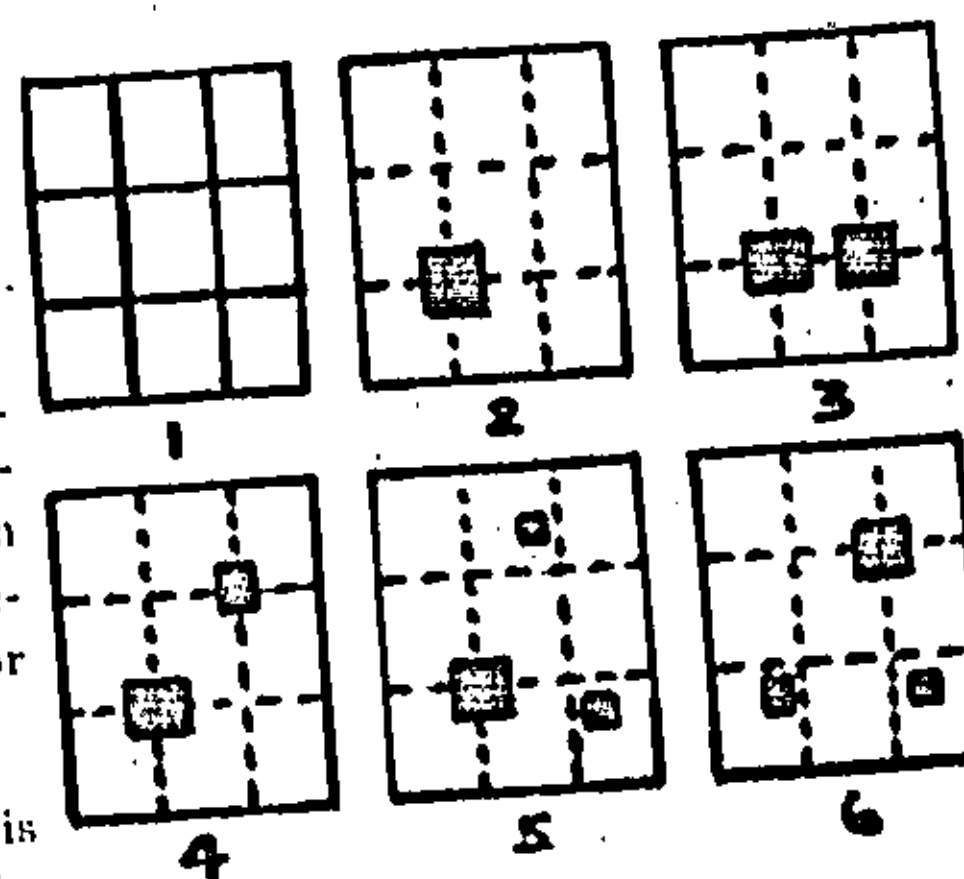
STREET SCENES

Street scenes have always been a favourite subject, whether the streets are old-fashioned or modern in design, but I find that the average amateur in Hong Kong strives for the angle-shot rather than the more conventional view point. It is my opinion that until there has been sufficient practice with this form of presentation, it is advisable to approach the subject in the more usual manner.

The pictorial value of street scenes is generally assisted by the inclusion of life, either human or animal or both, and it should always be the aim of the photographer to include the figures most characteristic of the setting. I quite realise that matters seldom turn out the way one wants them, and the right figure is not always available, but if patience is a virtue to be encouraged, then the study of photography will do well to inculcate it.

Very often, also, the inclusion of sky or otherwise can become another problem difficult of solving. Generally speaking, unless it is of some real value to the composition or effect, it is better to leave it out altogether.

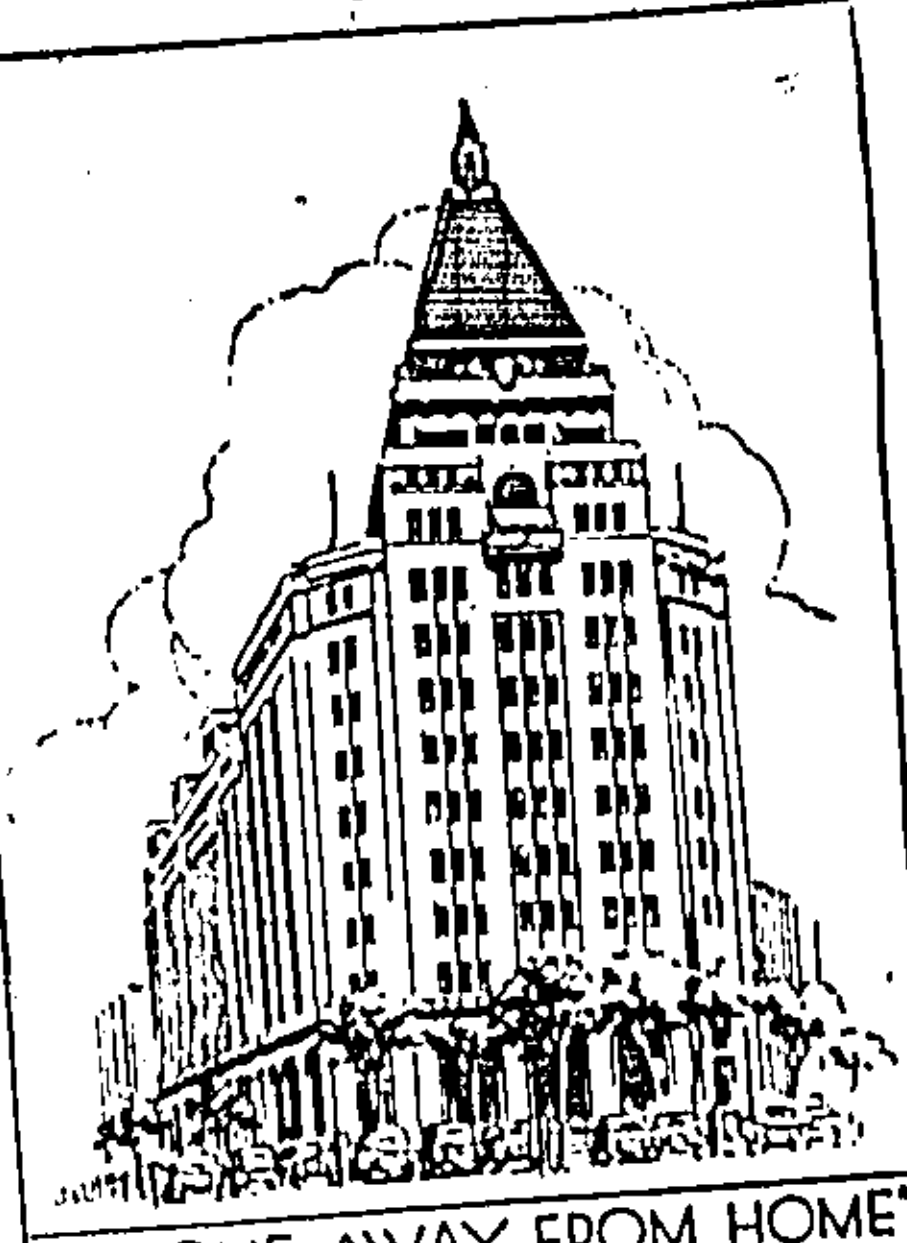
I am rather afraid that much of the detail and delicacy of Mr. N. S. Cheong's "Evening" will be lost in the process of reproduction, which is



a pity because I consider it to be a most attractive effort and quite the best I have seen for some time. There is one point I would mention, however, and that is that I think the lamp-post could have with advantage been moved slightly more to the right. As it is now placed, it tends to over-dominate the scene.

An effort such as that illustrated tends to show how even beauty may result despite drab and dismal surroundings. At certain times of the day the lighting is such that even the ugliest part of a city can be transformed and this is a good all-the-year-round subject for the pictorialist.

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Men I Wouldn't Marry

A woman must respect and trust the man she is going to marry. It is impossible for her to find happiness with a man who is weaker than she is.

JOHN

I DIVORCED my husband when I discovered that he would rather do the housekeeping than get a job and fill the role of a husband to me.

John had a definitely feminine make-up despite his six feet of brawn and masculine good looks. I did not realise this until we had been married two years. At this time he lost his job. To tide things over I found employment.

Instead of looking for another job, John stayed at home and did the housekeeping and cooking—pretending that the next day he would look for work. But the next day and the next came and John continued to wait upon me as if I wore the trousers of the family.

I realised that I was far too assertive a woman to make a good wife for him. He needed a more feminine helpless type of woman for a wife. Someone who would lean upon him and provide the impetus for him to go back to work.

TERRY

Shortly after my divorce I met Terry, a handsome chap with a very likable personality. He was a sales-manager for a large firm. He gave me a rush, taking me to many night-clubs and theatres, and sending flowers and small gifts to me.

I was warmly attracted to him, and his attention, coming as it did after the gloomy period I had known with John, was delightful. But in a short time I realised

that Terry had an inflated ego and that he would be quite as much of a trial to live with as John had been in a different way.

Terry was over-meticulous about his clothes and belongings. He over-tipped waiters and bell-boys wherever he went, became noisily abusive if anyone jostled him in an elevator, and nearly always had arguments about the service with the management of restaurants where we dined. Everyone was in the wrong except Terry. He regarded his salesmen as dumbbells and slackers and his superiors as lunatics who would become bankrupt.

Terry was the only son of a mother who adored him. It became clear to me that any woman who married Terry would have to pay for all his mother's failures as a mother; that he would be a petty tyrant to live with—and would have to be flattered every hour of the day.

ARTHUR

Every woman meets a man like Arthur sometime. He held an executive post in a prominent architectural firm and actually did most of the work for which his superiors received the credit. He was shy with women and slow to assert himself. We came to know each other very gradually; the more I saw of him the more I admired and respected him.

Arthur was surprisingly well educated, and talked fluently, even brilliantly. I was startled to discover what a different per-



A mannish panama with feminine touches. Rita Hayworth of Columbia Pictures wears it with a tailored black suit. Note the embroidered hat band.

son he could be when he dropped the colourless mask he wore. He simply lacked the confidence to express himself naturally.

He became very much in love with me, but did not propose. As time went on it became clear that he really wanted me to do so. He disliked making decisions of any kind. When we went out in the evening, he wanted me to select the place we should go, what we should eat, and where we should go afterwards. In every matter he shoved the burden of decision upon me.

To a different type of woman this might seem quite pleasant. But I wanted a husband, not a devoted slave. I knew if I married him I would have to practically live his life for him—which was just what he wanted me to do. Arthur had a serious inferiority complex and was unlikely to outgrow it. He was forty years old and settled in his ways.

BOB

I met Bob at a party one evening. He was a vivacious, likable youngster of twenty-two, just out of college, and confident that the world would be his in a short time. He fell in love with me and wanted to marry me right away, announcing that I was the only woman in the world for him.

His proposal was tempting. I liked everything about him. But I was six years older than he, and I felt at least twenty years older, emotionally. A small voice warned me that he was looking for a mother, not a wife, and was quite unaware of the fact.

Bob had been raised by two maiden aunts and had never known a mother. He had been coddled and protected by them to such a degree that he had failed to mature emotionally. He was searching for the mother he had never known. I let him come to see me occasionally, and gradually brought him around to realising this of his own accord. It was the only sensible thing to do.

HAROLD

Shortly afterwards, I met Harold. Harold had at least a dozen professions and dabbled a little in each.

He was a delightful dinner companion. He was always in the liveliest of humours and on all occasions he had just discovered the most wonderful device in the world and was about to make a million dollars. In the meanwhile he lived in a hall bedroom

and economised on small necessities.

Harold was not a real four-flusher. He genuinely believed that the new device, whatever it happened to be, would bring him the million. He would wax enthusiastic about it for hours, working himself up to a pitch of elation and excitement that was quite infectious. When he had any money he spent all of it at once; in one grand splurge.

Just as he became hysterically enthusiastic about new inventions, so he became distressingly intense in his feelings towards me. I was the "most wonderful woman in the world" and "he would die" if I didn't marry him at once. I refused him and he didn't die.

He moped for a day or so, threatened to commit suicide, and finally went on a drinking bout for two weeks and then forgot all about it.

The truth of the matter was that Harold could not face reality. He lived in a rosy world of his own. Everything happening to him became tinged with the golden glow of the things he day-dreamed about. If he met a man who was moderately well off he would tell you he had met a millionaire. If he was offered a forty dollar a week job in a firm he would announce with a flourish that he had been offered the vice-presidency of the firm. When he met me I became endowed in his mind with all the virtues of Greta Garbo, Mrs. Vincent Astor and Madame Du Barry all in one. He was sincere enough, but he did not realise that he was duping himself unawares. He simply couldn't face the prosaic facts of everyday living.

I believe a woman must respect and trust the man she is going to marry. I believe she must feel satisfied that he is shoving ahead in his work, eager to make strides in it, and has eyes on a bigger job further ahead. She wants to look up to him unreservedly, regard him as her superior intellectually, socially and financially. She wants to feel that he will dominate their life together without being a petty tyrant or a bombastic four-flusher.

I believe it is impossible for a woman to find happiness with a man who is weaker than she. At best it will be a makeshift.

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Beauty's Art And Artfulness

Appearances may be deceptive, but nevertheless they are Eve's main pre-occupation. This article tells how women can make the most of their good points, and turn defects into definite assets.

FROM the "You Can be a Success If You Want To" phase, the United States of America graduated recently into a "You Can Be Smart and Beautiful" craze. In Mrs. Margaretta Byers' *Designing Women*, published by Simon & Schuster, is a plan by which every woman can get and keep her man.

Mrs. Byers classifies six temperamental types:

Coquette (Billie Burke, Elizabeth Arden, Lily Pons). Her physical features are a petite figure, *retrousse* features and curled coiffures. She is a feminine, frivolous woman, gay, provocative, demure, fragile, dainty — a hothouse creature made for having fun.

The coquette's wardrobe should have nothing tailored in it, should contain more dresses than suits what suits she has will be trimmed with one of the softer furs. Her dance frocks will look as though made for moonlight.

She will find inspiration in the Du Barry, Pompadour and Victorian styles. Her hats will be poke bonnets, Victorian toques and flower caps on soft-waved hair, in which she will use camelias.

The coquette will wear soft and crushable fabrics in non-aggressive pastel shades.

Sophisticate (The Duchess of Windsor, Gloria Vanderbilt). Her physical characteristics are a trim, slender figure, irregular but striking features, sleek coiffure. She is a career woman, restless, a doer, impatient, easily bored, a city woman, and likes night life.

The sophisticate wears severely tailored suits and always goes to breath-taking extremes.

Her hats are small, mad, and may be inspired by anything from a French telephone to a strawberry basket. She likes lacquered surfaces, starched lace, sequins, satins, and especially unrelieved black dresses.

Sometimes her black is brightened by a brilliant splash of colour or white.

Romantic (Greta Garbo, Princess Matchabelli). Her physical characteristics are chiselled features, wistful eyes, artistic unstudied coiffure. She is passionately in love with beauty, is sensitive, a shy day-dreamer, and may be an artist, writer or actress.

The lines of her gowns are simple to show off their texture and colour. They are unfussy and tuckless, usually made of velvet, chiffon or satin.

Patrician (Duchess of Kent, Lynn Fontanne). Her physical characteristics are slender curves, exquisite skin and hair, soft coiffure. A lady above all, she avoids the spectacular and is ultra-conservative, though distinguished.

Her evening gowns are elegant and Empire, her formal suits striking a dignified Edwardian note. She will choose rich and sumptuous materials of Empire green, royal purple, peacock red, or white brocaded in gold.

Gamine (Katherine Hepburn, Elsa Schiaparelli, Beatrice Lillie). Her physical character-

istics are a boyish — almost *gauche* — figure, impudent features and rebellious hair.

She should never subdue her rebellious spirit in soft fashions, but remain impudent. She revels in swagger tweeds and sports clothes, but will not have an afternoon dress to her name. Her clothes are inspired by military, schoolgirl, treader and Romany gipsy designs, taking for her motto, Anything Goes So Long As It has Spirit.

She wears informal fabrics in irrepressible colours. In the evening her clothes are velveteen, printed linen, or cretonne in Goya yellow or Romany red.

Exotic (Marlene Dietrich, Talulah Bankhead). Her physical characteristics are a *swell* figure, pale features, large eyes, extreme coiffures. She has a mysteriously foreign or Oriental flavour, and may be an actress or fashion model.

Like the sophisticate she adores night life.

Dominant notes in her wardrobe are Chinese mandarin robes, Hindu veils, Moorish wraps, harem skirts, and in the daytime Cossack lines.

The exotic never wears sports clothes or suits; she likes unrelieved black, Chinese red, Ming yellow, Javanese brown, and Egyptian prints, in Chinese brocades, laces in metal tones, or anything bizarre that will foster the *femme fatale* idea.

Oval-faced (examples: Gladys Swarthout, Dolores del Rio): "You have the ideal face, so you need only take care not to distort your perfect contours with fantastic hats and erratic coiffures. You are stark, staring mad if you narrow your beautiful, wide-sweeping forehead with side bangs or dips. And you're just tossing away your birthright if you let your hair stick out awkwardly at the cheeks.

"You really don't need rouge at all because you're blessed with such perfect contours that there's nothing to correct. If you'd like to look exotic, you would do well to leave it off.

"Now when it comes to millinery, the oval face can wear almost anything, but stick to hats that enhance that oval contour — turbans, halos, close-fitting hats. Other women less favoured by fortune are likely to take more pains with their faces — and may actually out-strip you if you are over-confident and careless."

Round-faced (examples: Sylvia Sidney, Princess Juliana of Holland): "Lengthen your face and then try for width at the top. Then you certainly won't wear the hair fluffed out at the cheeks. And you won't cut down the length with bangs or narrow the forehead with dips. No, you'll draw the hair back behind the ears and off the forehead and build it up at the temples.

You can taper your round cheeks by applying rouge low and quite near the nose and extending it as always around the curve of the cheek.

"Hats for the round face should be tall to give your face length. Straight lines are out because



WRONG.

A high part, just off centre, makes a high forehead seem endless. The hair is entirely plain across the top and centre of the head, with no attention on the eyes, which should have been dramatised. The ears seem to stand out from the face, emphasising its thinness. Hair clustered low puts all the attention on the lower half of the face, which in this case is the less attractive half.



RIGHT.

In this illustration the hair is parted only an inch or so farther to the side, but see what a difference it makes. The whole facial contour is shortened and given more breadth. The width of the forehead, not its height, now becomes the important thing. This coiffure dramatises the eyes and eye-brows, by drawing attention upwards. Small earrings make the jawline seem broader.

they emphasise your curves, and round lines are out for the same reason. That leaves dashing little caps. Their diagonal lines will break up the perfect circle of your face and their decided tilt will leave enough of your unswept coiffure showing to imply actual face length."

Square-faced (examples: Constance Bennett, the Duchess of Windsor): "The right coiffure can make the square jaw do a marvellous disappearing act. First of all, no dips or bangs for you because they shorten your face and make it squarer than ever. Lift the hairline at the temples into two pronounced corners and this will make the jaw seem less square by contrast. The Duchess of Windsor has recently discover-

ed this trick.

"The square-face's rouge should be applied very much like the round-faced type's. This face, too, needs length. Never let anyone induce you to dab a bit of rouge on your chin because this shortens the face.

"This type, like the round-face, needs height in millinery, but must get it differently. Those soft, floppy brims pulled down diagonally in the Garbo manner are particularly flattering."

Long-faced (examples: Norma Shearer, Beatrice Lillie): "The best thing for these women is a sort of halo of combed out curls extending just to the cheekbones. This provides the necessary width at the top to turn that drawn out effect into a graceful oval."

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How To Cut Down Cigarettes

If you'd like to reduce your smoke consumption, here are some stunts that may turn the trick.

PROFESSOR Raymond R. Pearl, internationally known geneticist of Johns Hopkins University, is the author of an important scientific paper on the life-shortening effects of tobacco smoking.

Professor Pearl studied the life histories of some 7,000 men, including non-users of tobacco, moderate smokers, and heavy smokers. He found that "the smoking of tobacco was associated definitely with an impairment of life duration, and the amount or degree of this impairment increased as the habitual amount of smoking increased."

Professor Pearl does not say that because you are a smoker you will develop stomach ulcers, heart disease, hardening of the arteries, or high blood pressure, the principal but unproved crimes charged against tobacco. He does not say that tobacco causes any specific ailments. He simply says, with objective brutality, that tobacco will shorten the average life.

This is certainly a sound enough reason to impel any smoker to "swear off." It is not until he actually tries to cut out smoking that the average devotee of the weed discovers that he is in the grip of a powerful habit.

However, any smoker looking for reasons to cut down on tobacco can find plenty of good

ones. To begin with, there's the cost.

If cost means nothing to you, consider the esthetics of nicotine. The shame or the beauty drive works best among the ladies. A nicotine-stained finger is a dull background for an engagement ring. Teeth dulled by tobacco tar are third-rate pearls in a smile contest. Stains collect on the inside of the tooth surfaces and the proud owner rarely realises it until he yawns in front of a mirror. You can't count on dentifrices to get the stuff off, either.

Complaints from the stomach, headaches, blurred vision, loss of appetite (nicotine tends to dull hunger sensations), may be caused by heavy smoking, and may not. Cutting down on tobacco for a few weeks will prove the case one way or another.

Scientists bob up with a lot of fascinating reasons why people smoke. If you chew gum or pop peppermint lozenges into your mouth at all hours, you probably have an oral fixation which is satisfied by a cigarette between the lips. If you thrust your hands in your pockets, fumble with your lapel, keep tucking your hair behind your ears or thrust your thumbs under your suspenders, the chances are you have a manual fixation and a cigarette satisfies the urge to hold something in your hands.

The taste and the operations of smoking win most tobacco users to the habit.

Smoking is a happy social custom for the timid and the wall-flowers. A cigarette conceals many a faux pas.

Since reasons for smoking fall into well-defined categories, methods of cutting down on tobacco consumption follow similar patterns. Here are the major signposts for the deb or the duenna, the clerk or the captain of industry who wants to cut down smoking:

1. Cigarettes are the mildest form in which tobacco is smoked. Cigars as next and pipes are worst. If you smoke a pipe or cigars, switch over to cigarettes. Then cut down on cigarettes.

2. Smoke your cigarette in short puffs. This not only makes the cigarette last longer, but reduces the nicotine, ammonia and tarry matter which reaches the respiratory system. The tobacco in a cigarette acts as a filter for the smoke which passes through it. Nicotine therefore becomes more and more concentrated toward the end of the cigarette held between the lips. Never smoke a cigarette to a "Scotch butt;" the last few drags carry more poisons into the system than all the rest of the cigarette.

3. Keep your mind occupied. If you're so busy you can't think about a cigarette you won't want one.

4. Decide to smoke only after meals. Tobacco is less harmful at that time. Some medical opinion

believes that smoking before breakfast, or at other times when the stomach is empty, predisposes to gastric ulcers.

5. Tricks are legitimate once you have decided they are for your own good. Here are a few effective ones: When outdoors, carry a cane; indoors, hold a pencil, gesture with your pince nez, or keep some other object in your fingers as a substitute for a cigarette. When you light a cigarette, take a puff or two and snuff it out. Relight it again when you must smoke.

Human inertia being what it is, you'll wind up the day with cigarette consumption cut in two. A cough drop in the mouth keeps a cigarette in the package. Chewing gum can be used if you have maxillary privacy. Cigarettes and cigars can be held in the mouth without fighting them, but these "dry smokes" are just as bad as the regular kind, and less esthetic. As much or more nicotine is dissolved by chewing the end of an unlighted cigarette as is carried by smoke.

Try starting out the day with one package of cigarettes in your pocket, or a half package, or whatever allotment you are cutting down to. Decide that you will neither buy nor borrow when that initial supply is exhausted. Instead of holding a cigarette in your hand while smoking, take a puff and lay it in an ash tray just far enough out of reach to be inconvenient.

Nicotine is an alkaloid; so are morphine and cocaine. Scare yourself, if you like, with the thought that you are becoming a drug addict. There's enough truth in it to make a heavy smoker pause.

Coughs, throat congestions, heart thumpings and dizziness may not spring from nicotine excesses in your case. But they can, and even a mild hypochondriac can use them to scare him off tobacco.

6. Tackle the problem therapeutically if you prefer. Many men who quit cigarettes by sheer will power never lose their taste for them. Try rinsing the mouth with a 1/4 of 1% solution of silver nitrate after each meal for one week. This relieves throat irritations and makes tobacco smoke distasteful.

Highly seasoned foods and stimulants, including the alcoholic, intensify the craving for a smoke. Cut down on salt and meats and eliminate pepper and mustard. Stick to a three-week diet composed principally of cereal foods, whole wheat bread, milk and cream, cheese, nuts, fresh fruits.

For really serious victims of tabagism, a course of hospital treatments of the type given drug addicts is necessary for a cure. Such cases are extremely rare.

Quit smoking, or continue it, as you prefer—but there's no arguing with the statistics of Professor Pearl.

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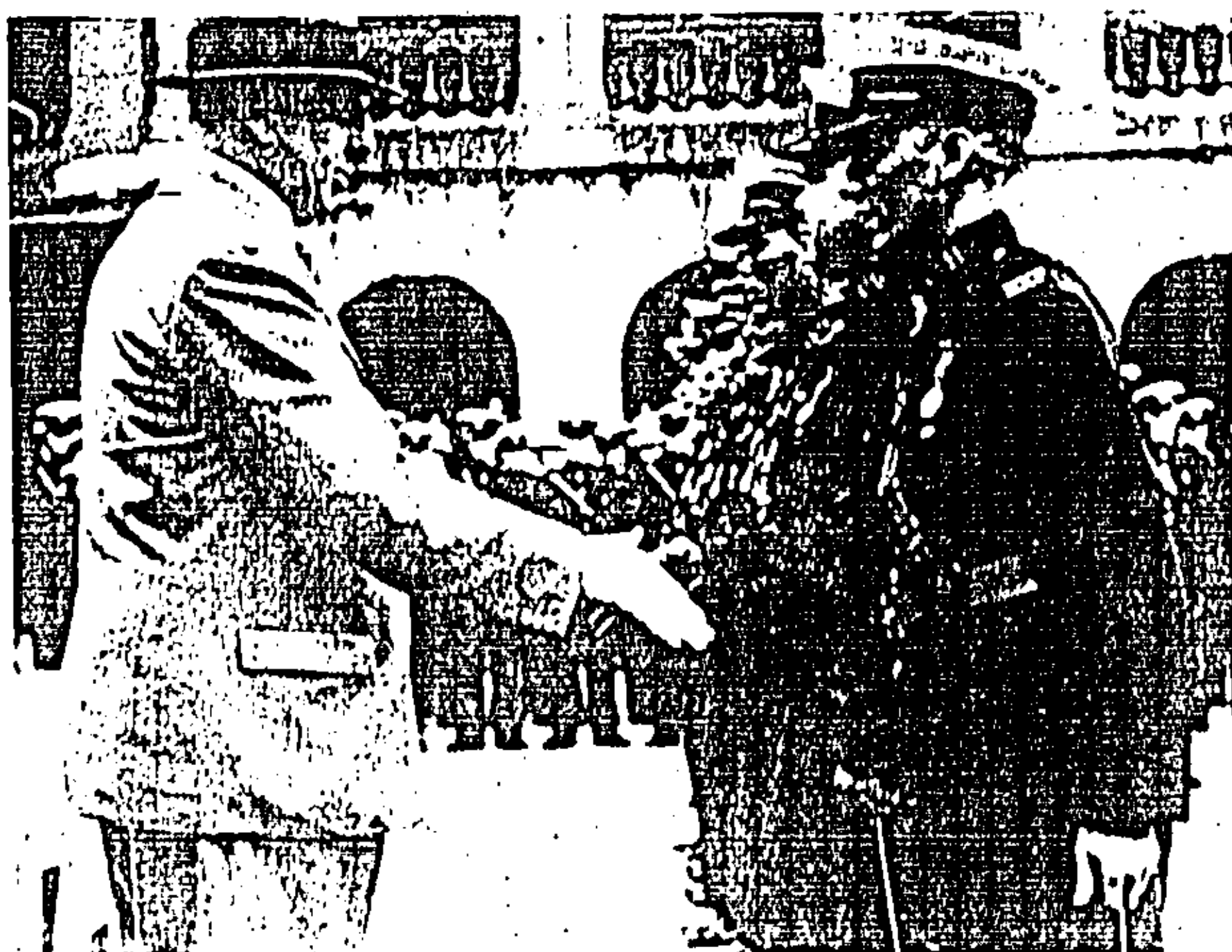
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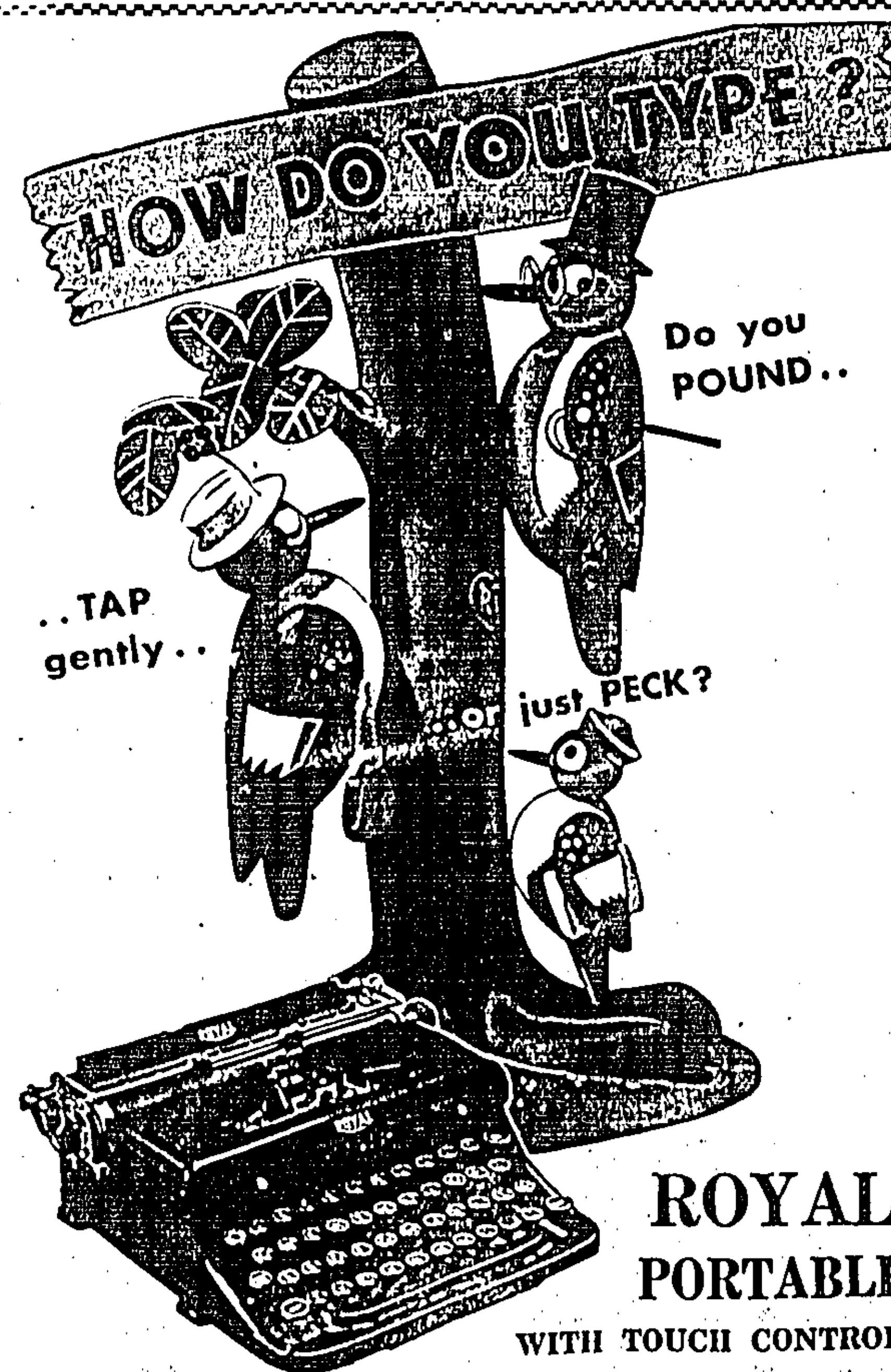
Mr. T. G. Paterson, who represents the Everett Steamship Corporation in Hong Kong, and is a partner in the firm of Anderson and Ashe. (Barr's Studio).

The Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, former Director of Public Works, who left the Colony on retirement in the s.s. Boissevain on April 6th, is seen at left shaking hands with Sir Robert Ho Tung, on the occasion of his departure, while at right he is seen with the Hon. Sir R. H. Kotewall.



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Mrs. W. T. Stanton consults her programme.



Shelton looking happy.



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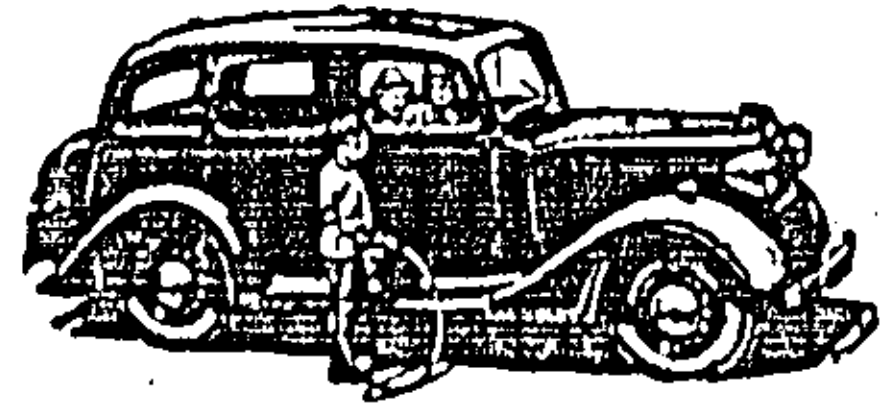
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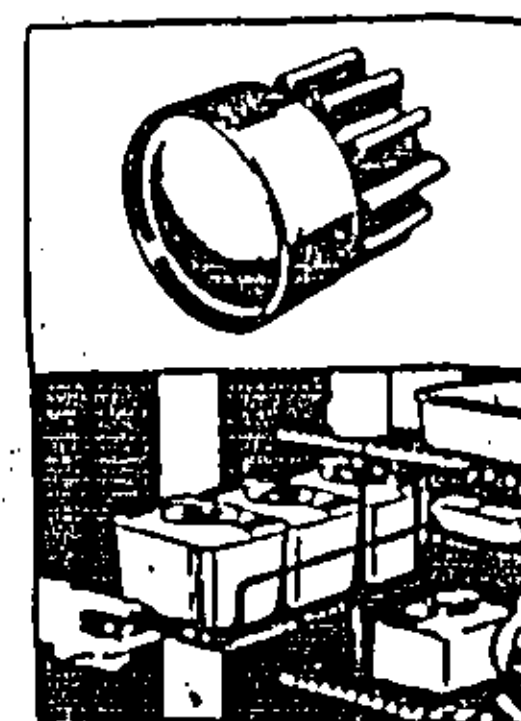
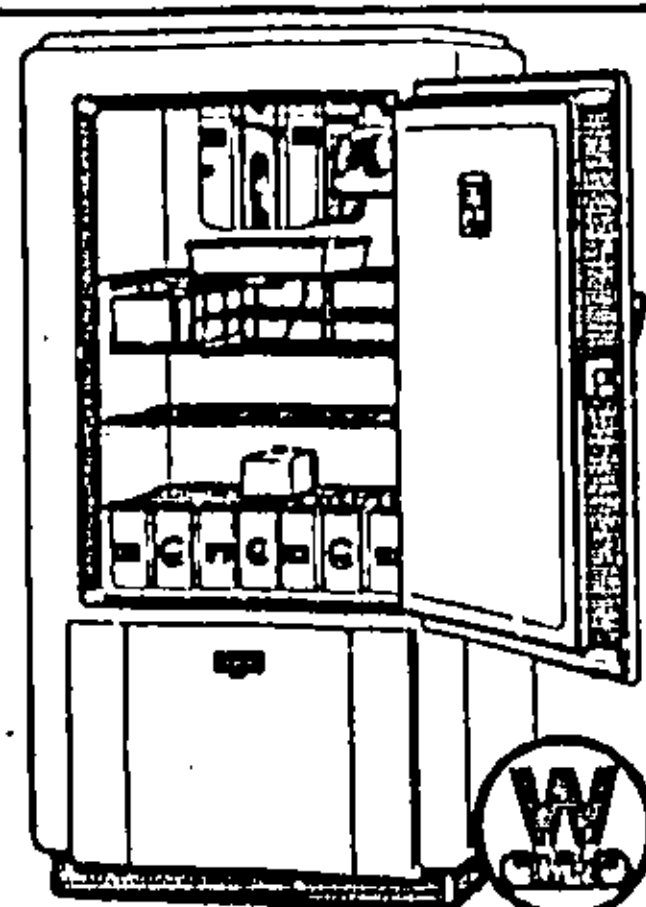
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You will find a new beauty in life, a new tenderness and sympathy will envelop everything for you. What is more, your face will take on a fresh appeal, your lips a gentle curve which will be irresistible. It will, moreover, keep love alive, not only in your own heart but in the heart of the man you love.

Firstly, then, how, when, and where to kiss. You must, if you wish to appeal to man's receptive senses, feel soft, smell sweet and taste pleasant. . . . Don't if there is the slightest danger (or likelihood!) of being kissed wear earrings, a large hat, crushable flowers, oily lipstick, mascara, an elaborate hair style or make-up, or a flimsy dress. . . . Don't whatever you do, leave your lipstick on a man's lip, ear or collar. He



will be chaffed about it by his fellows, and no man can stand that. Don't go around kissing everybody who takes your fancy, or asks you to! Nobody wants what's *thrown away*. . . . Don't imagine a kiss carries with it a commitment of any kind. . . . Don't imitate the heroines of popular novels and ruffle his hair (if he has any!) It gives the average man the shivers, and soon cools his ardour! . . . Never laugh in the middle of a kiss, however much you may feel tempted to, unless you wish to shatter the romance on the spot—for it will most certainly do this. . . . Don't hold his hand, pat his cheek, or straighten his tie in public. These are all marks of having a proprietary claim which most men heartily resent. . . . Never flirt unless you're prepared to take the kiss you've invited. It's unsporting otherwise. . . . Don't go about crowing over your conquests. He may do the

same and leave you feeling somewhat small and cheap into the bargain!

Well, there are a few hints on what and what not to do, and now for some different kinds of kisses (of which, of course, there are myriads!)

Firstly there is the *Parental Kiss*. That children require and thrive upon love we all know, but frankly I feel that too much kissing is neither healthy, necessary nor desirable, and certainly as they grow older it irks them considerably (how well I remember devising methods of avoiding the slobbering of unwelcome relations and friends!) The ideal rule would seem to me that if there is kissing to be done let the child make the first move.

Now for the *Filial Kiss*, sadly absent, alas! from the majority of homes to-day, and yet surely the simplest and sincerest way of saying "thank you" to our parents for all they have hoped, prayed and sacrificed for us? Don't let's be content any longer with that meaningless smack on the top of their heads as we dash out to keep some appointment, but give them a really good hug sometimes.

Then, there's the *Friendly Kiss*. This must be spontaneous, never, never stilted, expressing just what the word friendship implies. Warmth, sympathy, admiration, and, above all, gladness.

There is, too, the *Kiss of Greeting*. An affectionate salute with the spark of anticipation about it but no greediness. This signifies the flowering of friendship and possibly of love. It is full of promise, but makes no demands.

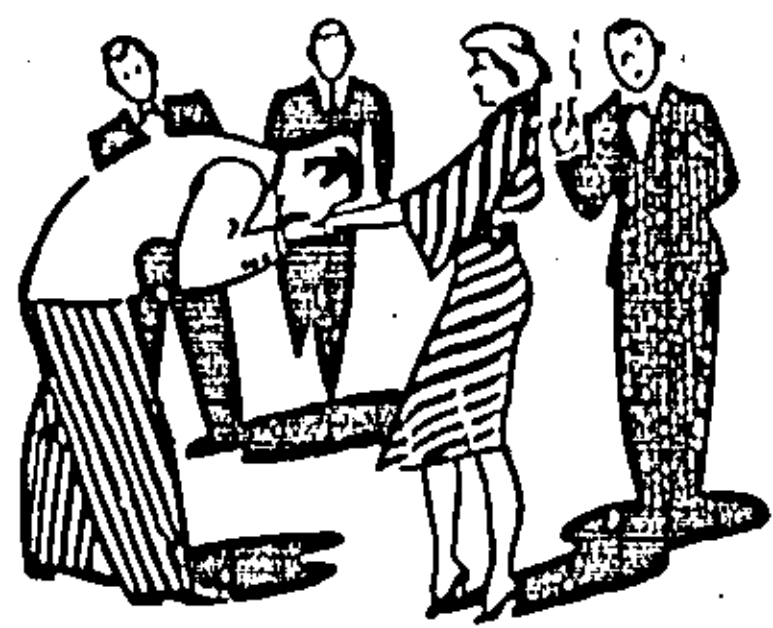
Then there is *The Lover's Kiss*. This is a kiss of complete surrender, of sharp ecstasy, and unattained joy. It is unrestrained, exquisite, and utterly whole-hearted. There can be no reserves,

nothing withheld in the true lover's kiss. It is promise fulfilled, one's very heart and soul given into another's keeping. It is one of the most beautiful expressions of love two people can experience. It signifies submission, trust, and (we hope) everlasting happiness. . . . "O love! O fire! once he drew with one long kiss my whole soul through my lips, as sunlight drinking dew."

Now come to the *Married Kiss*. This is invariably short and sweet but need not—heaven forbid!—be a mere peck on the cheek. It should be something to send him off with renewed confidence in his wife, himself, and his ability to succeed or retain success. It should leave her happily content to put their house in order in readiness for his return. It should never become that soul-deadening insult—a thing of habit, with one eye on the clock and no thought for the person. Far, far better no kiss at all than to suffer a distasteful duty—there is absolutely no reason either to let a lover's kiss die with marriage. This can always inspire new love.

Lastly, the *Good-bye Kiss*. Oh! The heartbreak of that, be it sounding the death knell of a love affair, or even a brief farewell, for even a short time to the beloved, spells eternity. An adieu to a friend is a wrench, for there's always about the good-bye kiss, a wistful wondering, a fervent, anxious hope for the future. It is, therefore, long, ardent, but has none of the drowning rapture of many other kisses. It leaves one lonely and terribly afraid.

That life is one long rush and fuss and worry we do not need to be reminded, but oh! in all that we may miss or forfeit or forego, never let it be the kiss for the one we love, for without this we might as well be dead, but *with* it we can live through anything.



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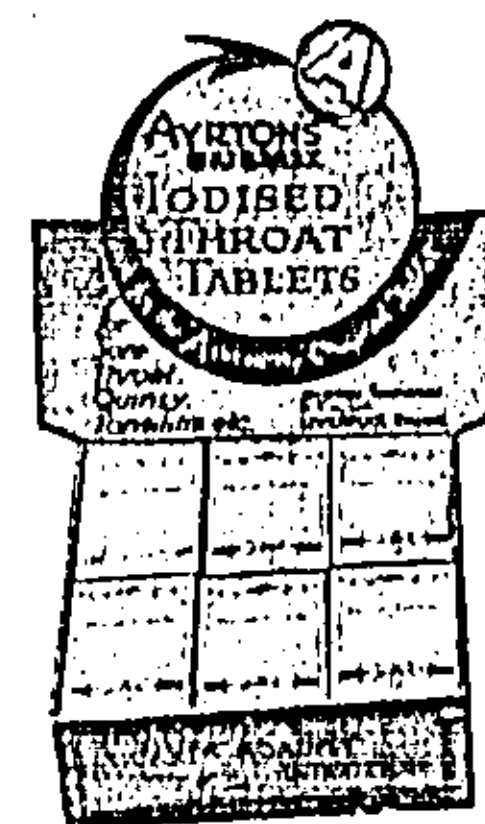
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1. Don't be a hanger-on. Stand on your own feet and attain balance by placing your left hand just behind his right shoulder.

2. Don't plop. You aren't being driven. Let your toe first touch the floor, then the heel, to show that you are confident and self-assured.

3. Don't make flying arrows of your feet, pointing "This way!" ... Sh! ... it indicates you are sensual and self-indulgent.

4. Don't squirm. Dance with your feet, not your shoulders, or you will be broadcasting your coyness and instability.

5. Don't giggle or chatter while dancing to cover up the fact that you lack rhythm, or to distract your partner's attention.

6. Don't flounder. Relax but keep well poised to prove everything is under control.

7. Don't gesticulate. Such action exhibits temperamental tendencies—and you will probably miss the lead and stumble.

8. Don't daydream. Keep alert and be ready to move in all directions—but not simultaneously.

9. Don't protrude in the rear. This ungraceful posture places excess weight on your partner's chest, making you an uncomfortable burden.

10. Don't cramp the spirit of dancing. Keep it free, easy and gay—and any ballroom audience will know, at a glance, that you are generous, sympathetic, wholesome—and glamorous!

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Character is read in a man's attitude toward his partner on the dance floor. His technique in dancing gives him away to his friends far more readily than the lines of his hands to a palmist or the bumps on his head to a phrenologist. Avoid these errors and your dancing fortune will be made:

1. Don't crouch or slink around the floor. This shows a narrow, belligerent, jealous nature.

2. Don't turn upward the palm of your partner's right hand as you grasp it with your left. Use the over-clasp method to show you dominate.

3. Don't dance with lead in your shoes. Flip the feet lightly now and then, but with restraint. Humour, generosity and vitality show in foot-work.

4. Don't try ten new steps on a girl who obviously knows but one. It will mark you an egoist—some may even call you an optimist.

5. Don't point the toe too brazenly unless you wish it known you are conceited.

6. Don't gaze into space with a glassy eye, or dance a full beat ahead of the music. It will label you "Uninterestingly Artistic."

7. Don't consider your elbows wings and try to fly with them. Over-elevated elbows mean over-abundance of pride and vanity. Insufficient elevation means lack of confidence. Medium height proves you are master.

8. Don't push or shove your partner, for you announced in this fashion that you are dull and most inconsiderate.

9. Don't arm-pump. Home is the place for calisthenics.

10. Don't overdo things. Be spirited and remember that moderation and honesty in step and stride draw admiring eyes.



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CHESS NOTES

By B. S. Litvin

The Pearl Of Zandvoort

TO Dr. Euwe, founder of modern positional chess, is attributed the paradox that one of the most difficult things in chess is to win a won game. And indeed master play very often results in such complicated end-game positions, that in spite of an apparent theoretical advantage an actual check mate becomes a tremendous task. Under such circumstances not only skill and knowledge are required but also a great deal of patience and perseverance are essential.

The following historic game baptised as THE PEARL OF ZANDVOORT (26th game of the World Championship Match of 1935) clearly illustrates the case. The theme is well known: sacrifice of a piece to obtain connected pawns in the centre. As to results,—let the game speak for itself:

DUTCH DEFENCE

Dr. M. Euwe Dr. A. Alechine
White Black

1. P-Q4 P-K3
2. P-QB4 P-KB4
3. P-KK13 B-K15 ch
4. B-Q2 B-K2 (a)

5. B-K12 K1-KB3
6. K1-QB3 O-O
7. K1-B3 K1-K5
8. O-O P-QK13
9. Q-B2 B-K12
10. K1-Q5 K1xK1
11. BxK1 (b) BxB
12. KxB Q-B1
13. P-Q5 P-Q3
14. K1-Q3 P-K4
15. K-R1 P-B3
16. Q-K13 K-R1
17. P-B4 P-K5
18. K1-K14! (c) P-B4
19. K1-B2 K1-Q2
20. K1-K3 B-B3
21. K1xP! (d) BxB
22. K1xQP Q-K11
23. K1xP B-B3
24. K1-Q2! (e) P-KK14! (f)

25. P-K4 PxP
26. P-P B-Q5
27. P-K5 Q-K1
28. P-K6 KR-K11
29. K1-B3 (g) Q-K13
30. R-KK11 BxR
31. RxB Q-B3?
32. K1-K15! (h) R-K12 (i)
33. PxK1 RxP
34. Q-K3 R-K2
35. K1-K6 R-KB1 (j)
36. Q-K5 Q-Q
37. PxQ R-B4 (k)
38. R-K1 P-KR3
39. K1-Q8 R-B7
40. P-K6 P-Q7
41. K1-B6 R-K1
42. P-K7 P-K14
43. K1-Q8 K-K12
44. K1-K17 Kt-B3
45. R-K6 ch K-K14

46. K1-Q6 RxKP
47. K1-K4 ch Resigns.

(a) The idea is to block white's Q2 and thus weaken the Q4. Should the QKt interpose, black exchanges, and the protection of white's K4 becomes more difficult.

(b) BxB brings about an exchange more favourable for black.

(c) Threatening 19. PxP and 20. Kt-Q5!

(d) THE PEARL OF THE GAME.

(e) Threatening P-K4-K5 etc.

(f) Black's only chance, starting a dangerous counter attack.

(g) If 29 PxK1... Q-K7! regaining the piece. Still 29. Q-KR3 is far better.

(h) Only possible because of black's weak move. Correct was 31. Q-B4, for if 32Kt-K15!, RxKt1, 33. PxR Q-R5 forcing a draw by perpetual check.

(i) 32. P-KR3 will result in an irresistible pawn advance.

(j) If 35. QxKtP white gains an overwhelming attack.

(k) RxKt was better for 38. PxR R-B4 leads to a very difficult R and P ending.

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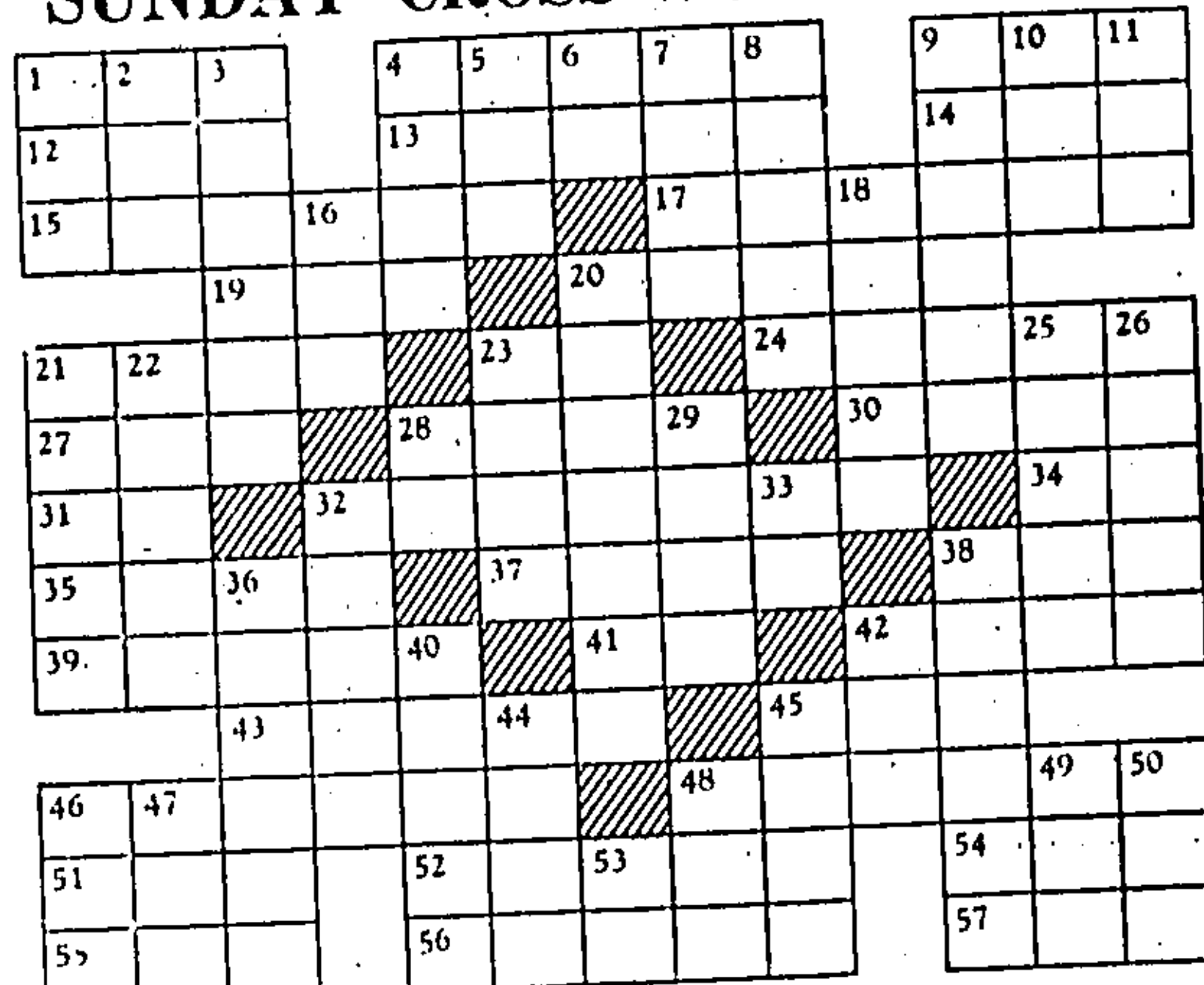
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SUNDAY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

- 1 To drone
- 4 Carries
- 9 Cry of crow
- 12 Anglo Saxon money
- 13 Joint of arm (var.)
- 14 Palm leaf
- 15 Wounded
- 17 Pealed
- 19 Fish
- 20 Untamed
- 21 Narrow strap
- 23 To depart
- 24 Escape
- 27 Land measure
- 28 A shrub
- 30 Dry
- 31 Therefore
- 32 Annoys
- 34 Pronoun
- 35 Image of a divinity
- 37 Person of valor
- 38 Animal's lair
- 39 Tree
- 41 Egyptian sun god
- 42 Privation
- 43 Arrow nock (pl.)
- 45 Vehicle
- 46 Debated

VERTICAL

- 1 In what state
- 48 Vain
- 51 Small shield
- 52 One who plunges
- 54 Neither
- 55 Form of "to be"
- 56 To harden
- 57 Female sheep

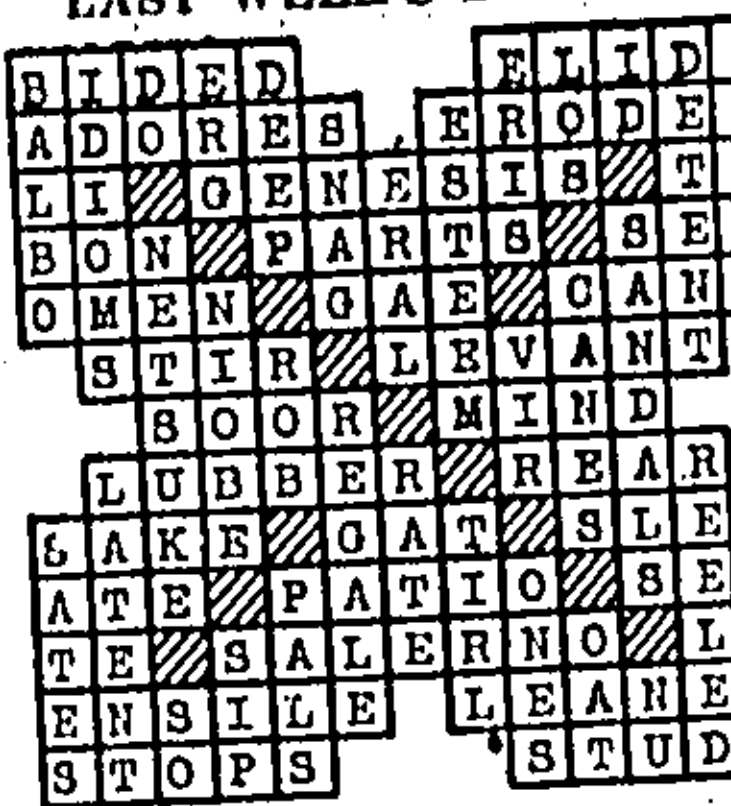
2 Biblical name

- 3 To cut
- 4 Beverage
- 5 Antiquity
- 6 Degree
- 7 Fixed routine
- 8 Cursed
- 9 Band worn around neck
- 10 Beverage
- 11 Pad

16 Gun (sl.)

- 18 Molten rock (pl.)
- 20 Encouraged
- 21 Fundamental
- 22 Eat away
- 23 To flow spoutingly
- 25 Coin (pl.)
- 26 Paradise (pl.)
- 28 To exist
- 29 Greek goddess
- 32 To sow
- 33 Artificial language
- 38 Deserving of hatred
- 39 Small-vanity box (Fr.)
- 40 Tall marsh grasses
- 42 Buddhist column
- 44 Premise for publication
- 45 A coil
- 46 Cry of cat
- 47 S. A. wood sorrel
- 48 Admission charge
- 49 Nearly exhausted
- 50 Before
- 53 Brother of Odin

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Don't Be a Dud at a Party

Why be the blight of the party when you can be popular without any more effort?

HOW do you rate as a guest? When your friends and acquaintances are sending out invitations to a smart little dinner, a cocktail party, or an evening of bridge, does the mention of your name as a prospective guest bring forth a comment like this: "But of course we simply must have Madge. She's such an addition to a party." Or is the person making out the guest list more likely to shrug and say in a pained tone: "Yes, I suppose we'll have to include Madge. We're really indebted to her. But she's such a dud. She invariably puts a blight on a party."

Naturally, if the latter is the case, even your best friends won't tell you. But—

If you are usually invited to the "wholesale" type of mixed party, obviously given to pay off a lot of social debts at one fell swoop, and seldom, if ever, invited to the more selective soirees;

If your place card at a dinner party is certain to be found sandwiched in between those of the two least interesting guests;

If you suffer from tongue paralysis and can't think of a darned thing to say until it's too late to matter;

If it's a dancing party and you spend most of the evening in the wall-flower corner; or if games in which the party is divided into sides are played, and you are invariably the last to be chosen;

If the person whom you have finally snared into conversation suddenly excuses himself and joins a group in another part of the room, leaving you stranded;

If people to whom you have been introduced at previous parties never seem to remember that they have met you before.

Then you certainly have cause to suspect that you are either dull and uninteresting or an out and out social "dud."

No hostess enjoys entertaining this type of guest, no matter what she may say when you take your leave. And you probably don't enjoy being regarded as dull and uninteresting either. To excuse yourself, however, on the grounds that you simply haven't got what it takes to achieve popularity is an admission of laziness or stupidity. You can learn to be popular in the same way that you learned to drive a car or to play bridge or badminton. By learning the rules and then putting them into practice.

What is this thing we call "popularity?" Simply this: The ability to win and hold the liking of others.

People react to you according to what you send out. If you radiate friendliness and warmth, that's what you'll get back. On the other hand, if you are habitually negative and diffident in your attitude, you will certainly get back diffidence in return. Consequently, if you want to step up your rating as a guest, the first thing to remember is to give to others what you would like to receive. And don't be stingy. Don't dole out a thin, cold little smile. Make it a warm, friendly one—the warmer the better, and see what happens.

Don't waste time worrying about the impression you are making and whether you are going to have a good time. Instead, be interested in the other fellow. Make it a point to discover what

amuses him, pleases him, interests him. Then use this knowledge as a springboard to draw him out and draw him on. He may be feeling just as self-conscious and ill at ease as you are. A casually paid compliment that rings true, an expression of interest in what he is doing or saying, will not only serve as a lubricating



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oil, it will immediately colour his attitude toward you.

Whether we admit it or not, the majority of us react to a good audience. When we encounter someone who shows by the expression on his face, by his posture and his enthusiastic responses that he is genuinely interested in our point of view and what we have to say, we just naturally can't help liking that person. And if, in addition, he manages to make us feel that we are being rather brilliant and revealing facets of wit and charm that we did not suspect we possessed, we are going to want to see more of him—or her.

If you want to find out how this works, try it out on your hostess. She'll change her mind about your being dull and uninteresting and in all probability you will receive a repeat invitation. She might even go so far as to switch your place card and seat you next to a more desirable dinner partner.

And speaking of dinner part-

ners—just in case you get stuck with somebody who has the loquacity of a clam—it's a good idea to have a few conversational rabbits up your sleeve which you can bring out, to start the ball rolling. Questions are usually effective spark plugs. (But stay away from the how-do-you-like-the-weather - we've-been-having-type of query).

Being dull and uninteresting, however, is by no means the only way to get yourself labeled the "blight of the party." There are other more flagrant ways. For example:

Flirting with your hostess's husband or current boy-friend, or making a scene with the lady who is flirting with yours.

Overestimating your cocktail capacity.

Talking two octaves higher than anyone else in the room, and interrupting another person's story to tell one of your own that you think is better.

Parking lighted cigarettes on the piano.

Blurting out remarks that may wound or offend (or being downright catty).

Adopting a superior or holier-than-thou attitude, or wearing a refrigerated manner and practically daring anybody to defrost it.

Being unable to take a joke if it's on you.

Talking about your aches and pains or giving a stitch-by-stitch account of your operation.

Refusing to join in any games that are being played on the pretext that such things bore you to tears.

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"And your name?" the clerk asked, innocently.

"Barrymore," was the chill reply.

"Which Barrymore please?" John surveyed him coldly. "Ethel!" — *Christian Science Monitor*.

EXHIBIT ONE

Caller: "Good morning, Mrs. Smith. I'm from the gas company. I understand there is something in the house that won't work?"

Mrs. Smith: "Yes, he's upstairs." — *Montreal Star*.

TERRORS!

Of all the terrors known to man The greatest, I assert, Is to wear a fifteen collar Upon a sixteen shirt.

—*Toronto Labour Leader*.

NO GOOD

A Lady motorist was charged with leaving her car unattended outside a large store.

"But I only slipped in to buy a colander," she told the magistrate.

"I'm sorry, madam," was the reply. "But I'm afraid your alibi will not hold water. Fined two pounds." — *Australian Women's Weekly*.

HIS MODEL

Guide: "This little stream disappears in the middle of the town and comes up again at the inn in the next village."

Tourist: "Ah, just like my husband." — *Die Grune Post*.

WHO, INDEED!

The whole of the theatre audience was clapping with the exception of Smith.

Mrs. Smith: "Why are you not clapping?"

Smith: "Well, who claps when I do a spot of work?" — *Moustique*.

MODERN YOUTH

The model husband arrived home one evening and found his three-year-old son lighting up a cigar. He raced into the kitchen, where his wife was preparing dinner.

"Margie," he announced, breathlessly, "this is terrible. I just caught our boy lighting a cigar!"

His wife was shocked, too.

"I'll put a stop to it right now," she cried. "That kid is altogether too young to be playing with matches!" — *New York American*.

GETTING IN PRACTICE

The newlyweds had just got off their train.

"John, dear," said the bride, "let us try to make the people think we have been married a long time."

"All right honey," was the answer, "you carry the suitcases." — *Erin (Ont.) Advocate*.

SIMPLE

"I went to call on you yesterday but found the gate locked."

"It wasn't locked—it just sticks."

"Then why not get a workman to do something?"

"I have. This morning I got a painter to put up a notice: 'Push hard. This gate sticks.'" — *Tidens Tegn*.

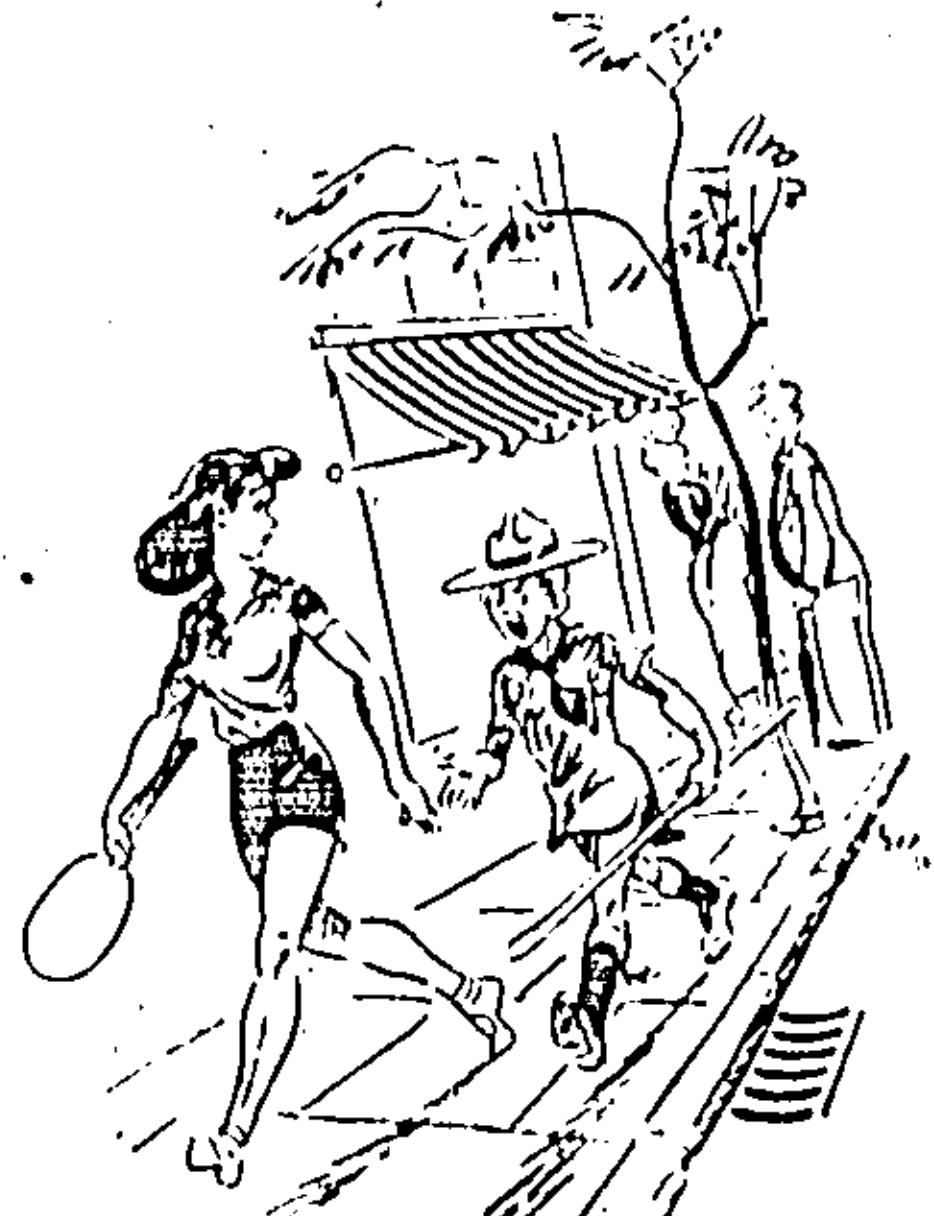
GOOD TRAINING

The examination was at hand and the student was very sure of himself.

Student: "I am sure to pass. I have been preparing the whole winter."

Friend: "Studying hard?"

Student: "No, playing bridge with the professor's wife." — *Die Woche im Bild*.



"Give 'em back, sis—I gotter go to the 'Jamboree!'" — *Sydney Bulletin*.

PRESCIENCE

"So you've left your job, Pat?"

"Yes."

"Was the boss surprised when he knew you were leaving?"

"No; he knew before I did." — *Windsor Star*.

VERY DIFFERENT

They were swapping newspaper yarns and one of the boys told about the time he visited a very small town that somehow boasted a newspaper. The press itself was located in the rear of the general store, and as he entered, the story-teller saw the editor engaged in a quarrel with two elderly men.

"Sorry to find you fighting," said the story-teller, after the men had left. "Who were those men—the owners of the paper?"

"Owners nothing," snorted the editor. "They were the circulation!" — *New York Journal*.

VERY WELCOME

Budding Author: "Well, at last I've written something that the editor will not only receive but welcome with thanks."

Friend: "A real masterpiece!"

Author: "Not exactly that; it's a cheque for a year's subscription." — *Grit*.

NOT QUITE

She: "Is it true that you sailors have a sweetheart in every port?"

He: "Stupid idea — why, we don't call at every port." — *Koralle*.



"After three drinks, I insult people." — *1000 Jokes, U.S.A.*

DOING HIS BIT

It was Sunday afternoon; she was knitting on the sofa, he was reading and dozing in the armchair.

"John, have you thought of the canary?"

"Yes."

"Have you fed him?"

"No."

"Have you given him water?"

"No."

"Then what have you done?"

"Thought of him." — *Wochenschau*.

TRUE ENOUGH

The sexton had been laying the new carpet on the pulpit floor, and had left a number of tacks scattered about.

"See here, James," said the parson, "what do you suppose would happen if I stepped on one of those tacks right in the middle of my sermon?"

"Well, Sir," replied the sexton, "I reckon there'd be one point you wouldn't linger on." — *Pasadena Post*.

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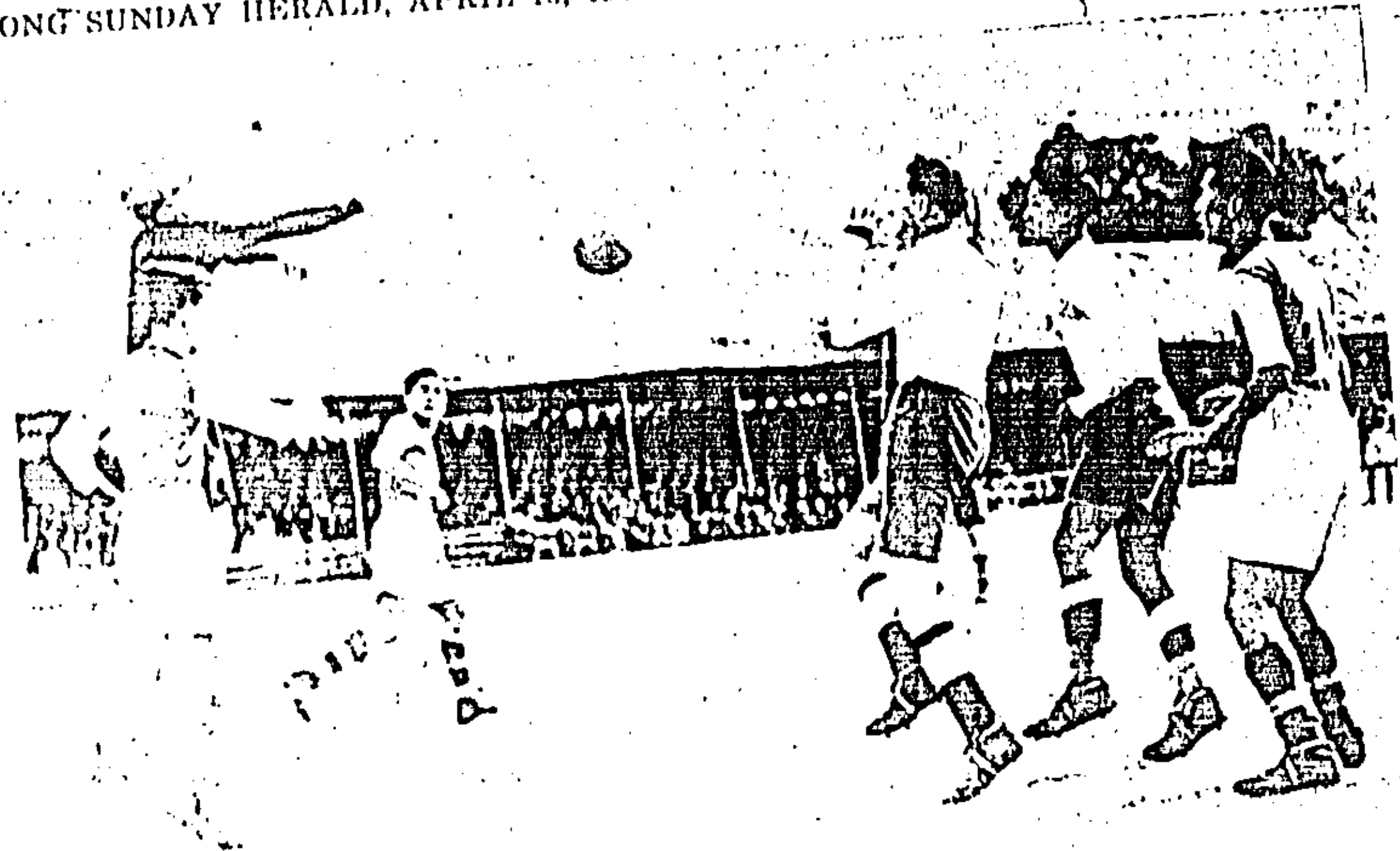
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"Unless you're a nature lover, you're going to be disappointed in your ride around the park!" — *Mrs. U.S.A.*



MacHardy, the Police goalkeeper, tips a high one over the bar, during the Senior Shield final against South China last Saturday.



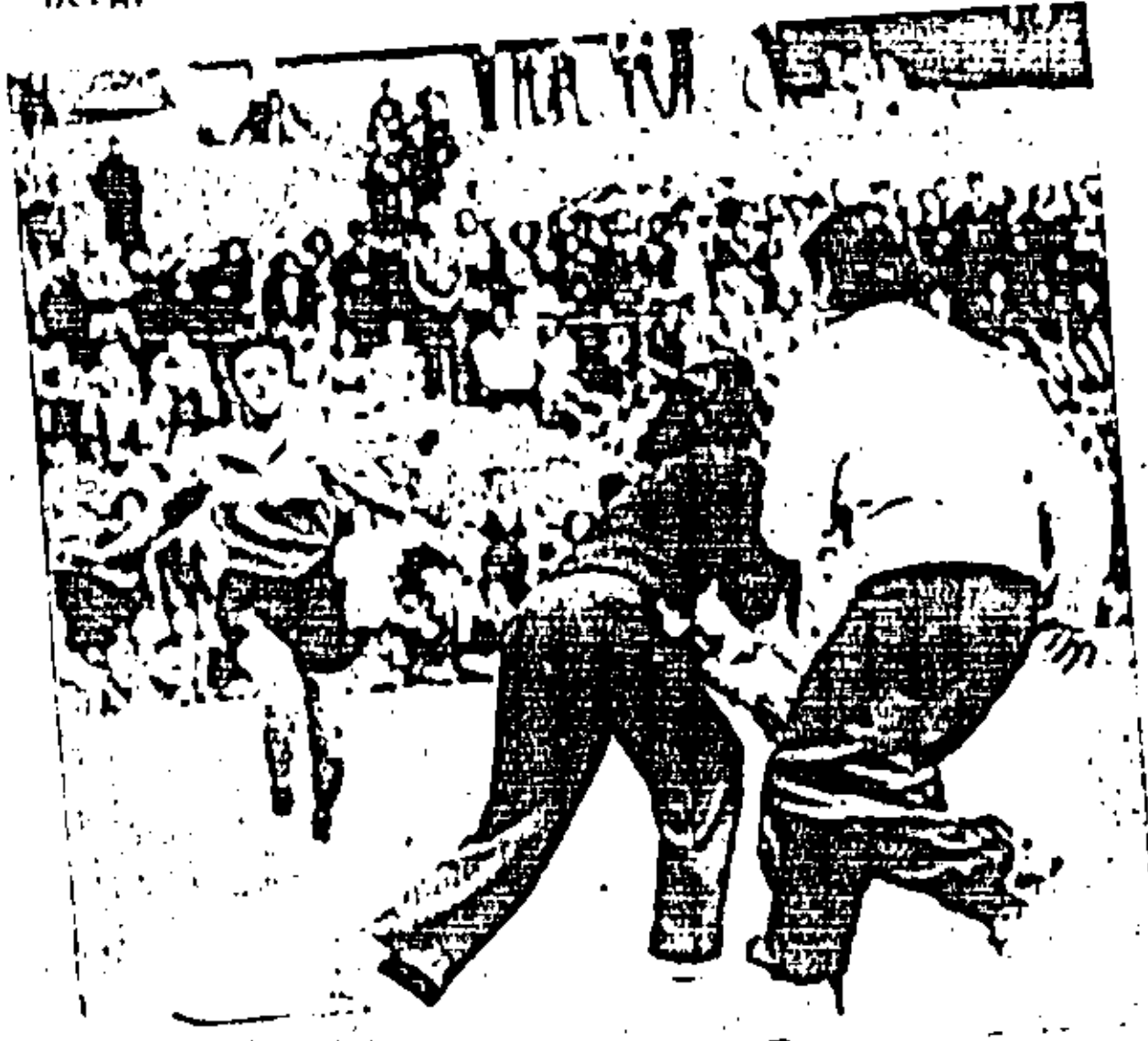
A scene in the police goalmouth during the Senior Shield game last Saturday. MacHardy is seen punching out, with Lau Tau-man and Lee Yan-leung, South China forwards, in close attendance.



The Captain of the Royal Scots Junior Shield team receiving the trophy from Mrs. W. Pryde, wife of the Chairman of the Hong Kong Football Association. In the centre is Mr. C. "Archie" Goldenberg, honorary secretary of the Association.



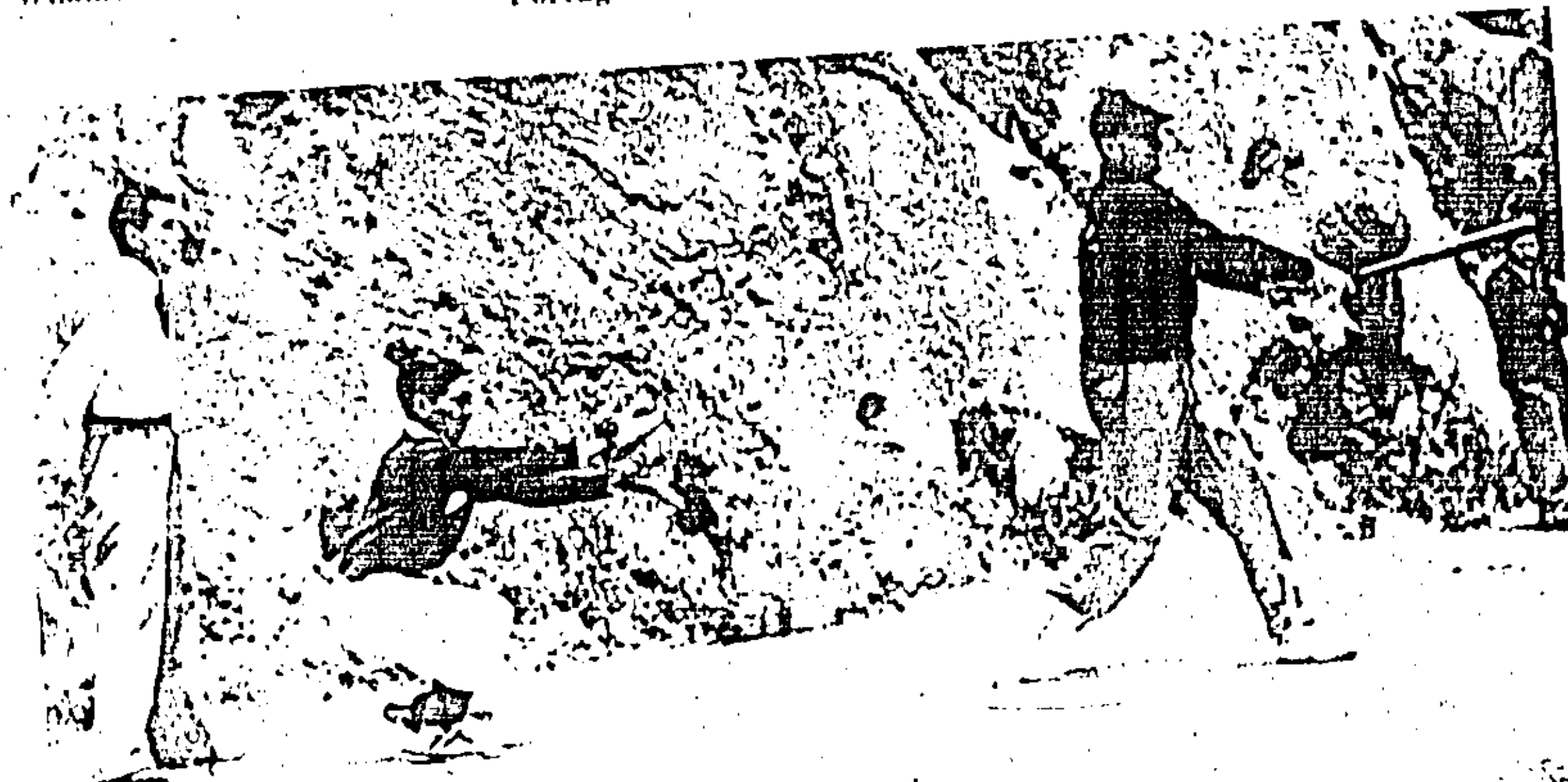
Wham! Marie Roza clouts the ball straight to Demanlig's glove to cause a double play in the P.L. Portugal softball clash last Sunday.



Olga Ribeiro, Portugal's third baseman, reaches first base safely, while Charito Esmael anxiously waits for the ball, and keystone keeper Faidera of the Philippines is ready to cover.

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Irene Pereira, firstsacker and spark plug of Portugal's softball team, neatly blocks off the initial sack, but Charito Esmael is safe.



Brown, the Socony firstsacker, gives the ball a ride for a safe hit. Eddie Silva, Hong Kong Bank backstop, closes his eyes and hopes Brown will miss. Scene during play in last Sunday's international softball series.

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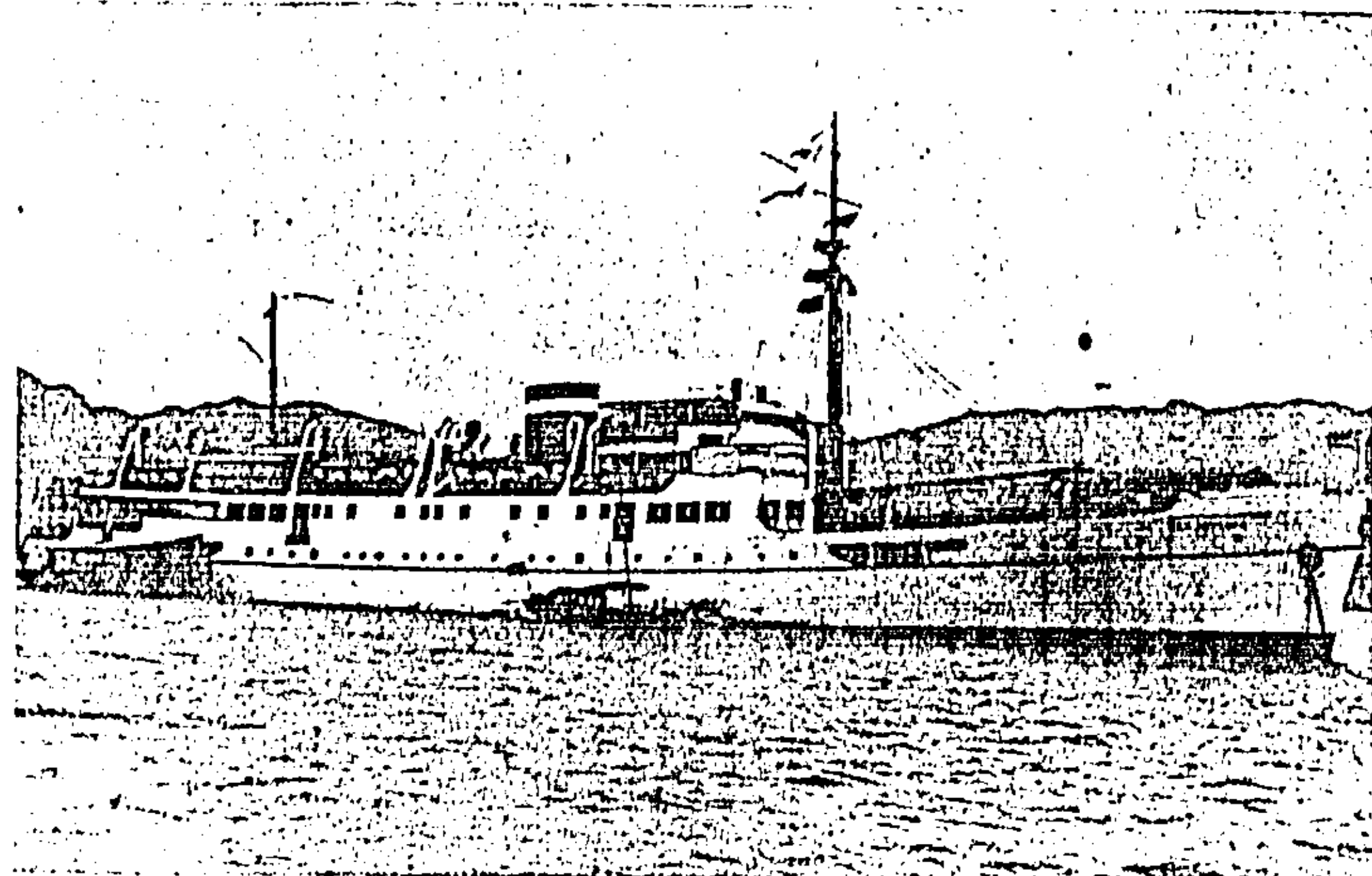
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Professor Mistkowski, of the Trinity College of Music, and Mrs. Mistkowski, who passed through Hong Kong recently en route to Shanghai and Japan. The Professor will examine music students in both these places, and expects to return to the Colony shortly. (Bann's Studio).



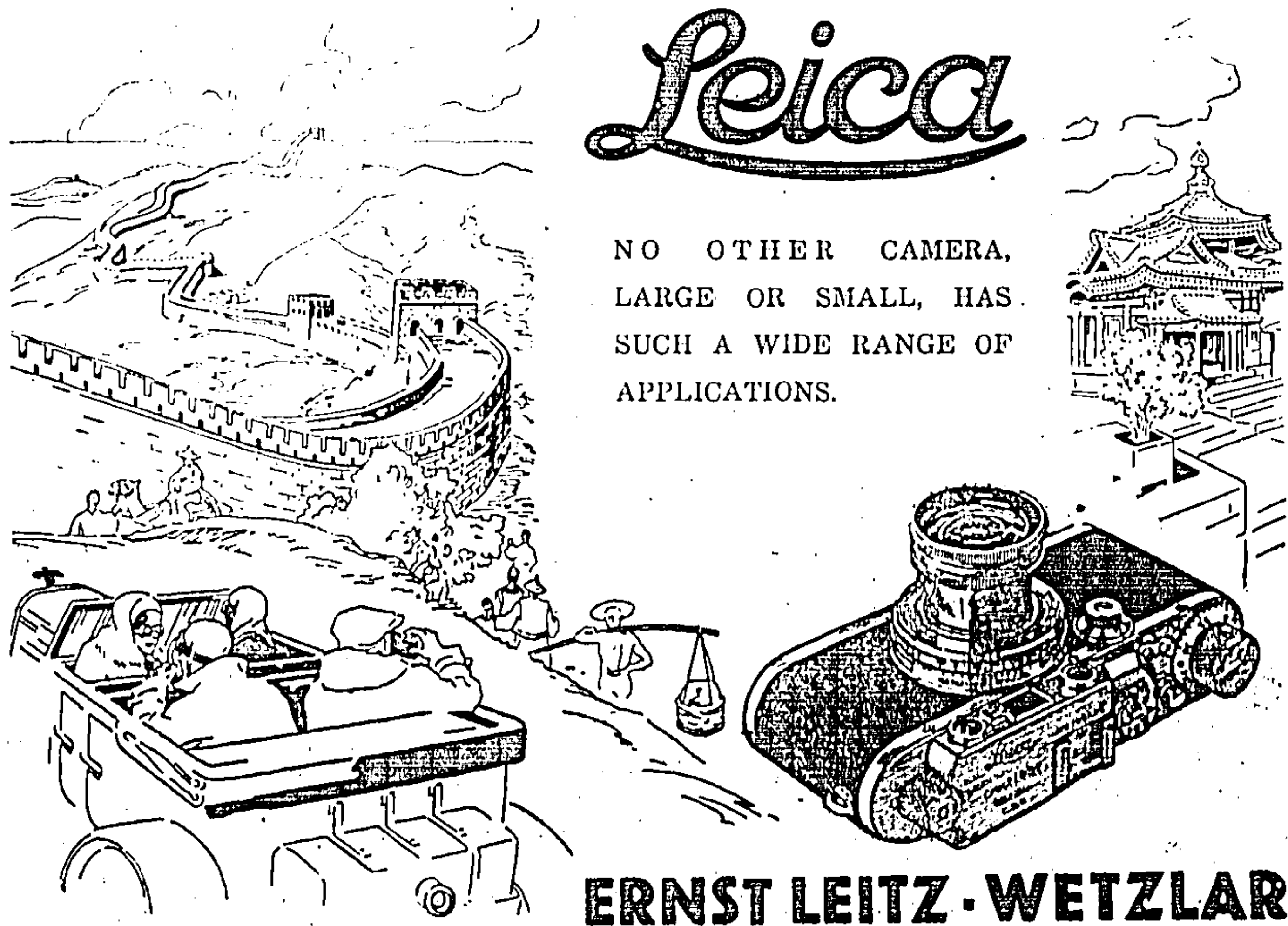
The S.S. Don Esteban, one of the ships of the De La Rama steamship line, is shown above after she anchored off Kowloon Bay on April 11th.



An informal snapshot of Captain R. J. Anieros, skipper of the S.S. Don Esteban, which is now undergoing an overhaul at the Taikoo Dockyard.



Mr. De La Rama, prominent Philippines steamship owner, who arrived in the Colony on April 11th, on board the S.S. Don Esteban, is shown above with his wife and daughters.



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SOVIET INVITED TO JOIN AIR FORCE GUARANTEES

Britain Seeking New Formula For Cooperation To Meet Poland's And Rumania's Objections

LONDON, YESTERDAY.
IT IS BELIEVED THAT A FORMULA WILL SHORTLY BE DEVISED ENABLING THE CO-OPERATION OF THE SOVIET IN THE ANTI-AGGRESSOR GUARANTEES TO POLAND, RUMANIA AND GREECE.

EURASIA PLANE HIT BY BOMBS

Bearing eloquent signs of the accuracy of the Japanese bombers, a Junkers plane owned by the Eurasia Aviation Corporation landed at Kai Tack on Friday.

The plane had been on the airfield at Kunming (Yunnanfu) during a Japanese air raid several days ago.

A bomb exploded on the landing ground only 30 yards from the machine, peppering it with splinters.

A fair amount of damage is believed to have been done in raid.

A project whereby Britain, France and Russia will pledge joint action by their air forces in the event of an attack on any State guaranteed by them is at present under consideration, and substantial progress is believed to have been made.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" gives a summary of current negotiations between Britain and the Soviet and forecasts an agreement on the lines indicated.

The correspondent points out that the difficulty in bringing Russia into the guarantee scheme up to the present has been the reluctance of Poland and Rumania to subscribe to any arrangement which, in time of war, might entail Soviet armies entering their territories.

They are both believed to be prepared, however, to receive air force support from the Soviet and both are desirous of being assured that they will be able to draw on the Soviet resources in new materials and even finished equipment.

NEW JAPANESE DRIVE PENDING

Shanghai, Yesterday.

It is reported here that the Japanese, in spite of being worried by guerilla bands, are concentrating troops in Yenchow, as well as in Tungsheng, in preparation for a drive south and west of Changsha. —Trans-Ocean.



HITLER ARRIVES FOR LAUNCHING OF NEW BATTLESHIP. —Photo shows Herr Hitler, giving the Nazi Salute on his arrival for the launching of the new 35,000 ton battleship, the Von Tirpitz, at Wilhelmshaven, when he warned that Germany would not wait for Britain to complete her "encirclement" policy.

HONG KONG'S FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE

DEATH OF SIR WILLIAM REES-DAVIES

SIR WILLIAM REES-DAVIES, FORMERLY CHIEF JUSTICE IN HONG KONG, DIED AT HIS HOME AT FOLKESTONE, IN KENT, YESTERDAY IN HIS 76TH YEAR, SAYS A REUTER MESSAGE FROM LONDON.

The late Sir William Rees-Davies spent about 37 years in various parts of the Empire, and retired after 17 years in Hong Kong as Attorney-General and Chief Justice.

He left Hong Kong in April, 1924, and made his home at Folkestone.

Born in Wales in May, 1863, Sir William was educated at Eton and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he gained his B.A.

In 1887 he was appointed a Barrister at the Inner Temple and practised the South Wales Circuit.

M.P. IN 1892

The first public office he held was that of Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant of Pembrokeshire.

In 1892 he was elected M.P. for Pembrokeshire, succeeding his father, the late Sir William Davies, and represented the constituency until 1898.

The ability he displayed in the House of Commons soon attracted the notice of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir William Harcourt, who made him his private secretary, a post he held from 1893 to 1895.

In 1898, after retiring from Parliament, he was appointed Attorney-General for the Bahamas, where he remained until 1902.

17 YEARS IN HONG KONG

In this year he went to Cyprus as King's Advocate, and from here (in 1907) came to Hong Kong as Attorney-General.

Six years later he was appointed to the position of Chief Justice in which capacity he served until 1924, earning high tributes from every section of the community on his retirement.

Sir William is survived by his second wife and a son.

ROOSEVELT READY TO RUN FOR THIRD TERM

Washington, Yesterday.

A hint that, in view of the grave tension in the world, he would be prepared to run for a third term as President was thrown out by President Roosevelt in a speech here yesterday, following his Pan-America Day broadcast. —Trans-Ocean.

Far East Inclusion In Peace Front?

Chungking, Yesterday.

In view of a question to be asked by Mr. Arthur Henderson, (Labour) in the House of Commons on Tuesday, whether the government would bear in mind the desirability of including China and other Far Eastern countries in any combination of governments for the purpose of resisting aggression, the China Branch of the International Peace Campaign has sent the following telegrams respectively to Lord Cecil and Lord Lytton.

"The revival of collective security in Europe having been watched with deep interest throughout China, we believe that the same logical development will be forthcoming with the principle of indivisibility of world peace also, which is the only effective means to curb aggression.

"The recent occupation of Hainan and Spratley is no less portentous than events in Czechoslovakia and Albania, and therefore the peace front should be extended to the Orient, including China and U.S.A., for the purpose of checking aggression, especially in face of concerted assaults on peace and order both in Europe and the Far East."

The message is signed by Dr. T. V. Soong and Mr. Shao Li-tze. —Central News.

SOVIET OFFER TO BALTIC STATES

Riga, Yesterday.

The rumour was spread in Riga yesterday that the Soviet Government had offered Latvia and Estonia the protection of the Soviet Union should the two States feel threatened by a third Power.

The Governments of Latvia and Estonia are alleged to have declined the Soviet offer.

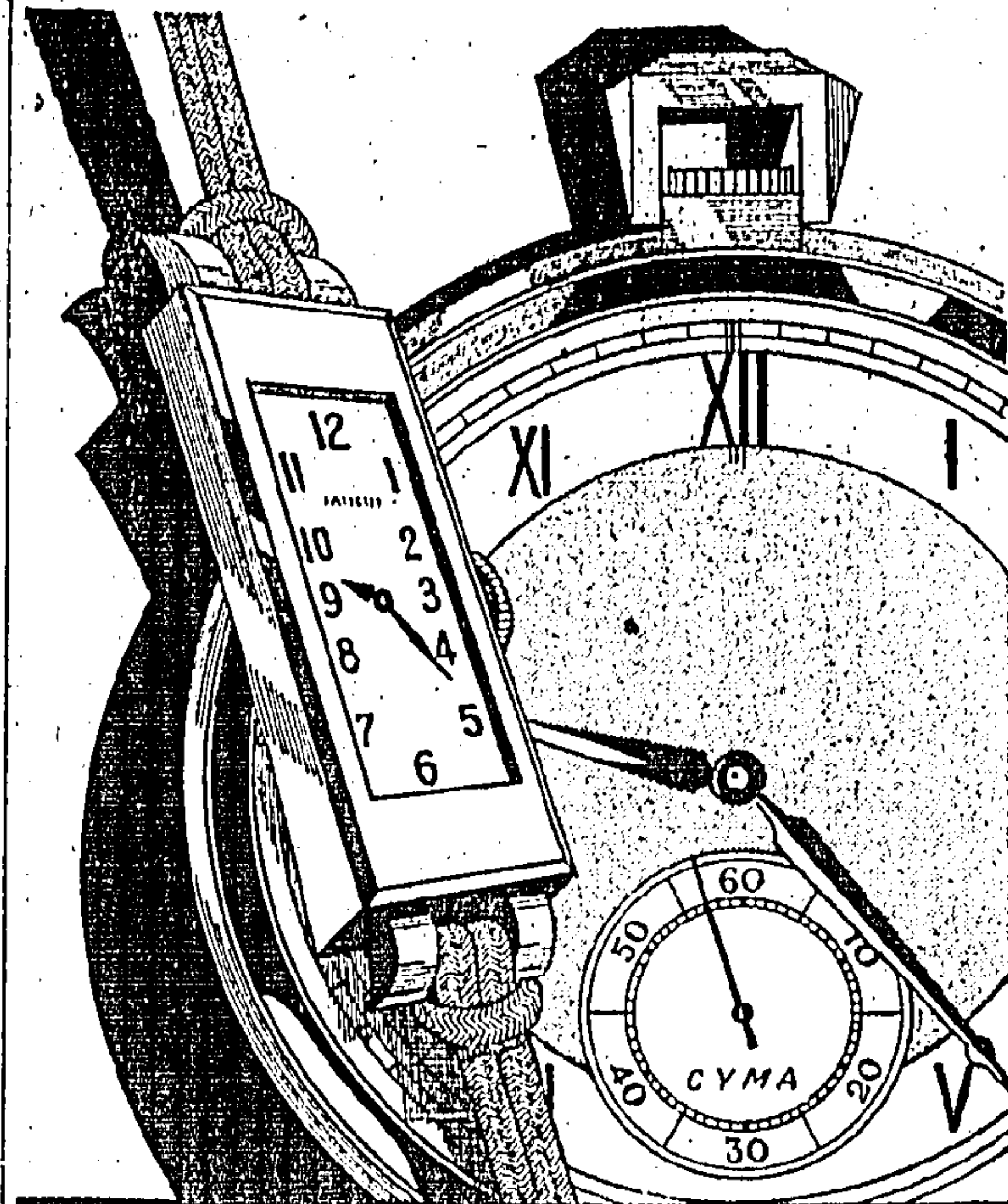
The rumour has aroused a general sensation.

GOEBBELS MAKES QUICK TRIP HOME

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Minister for Propaganda, Dr. Goebbels landed at Tempelhof aerodrome at five o'clock yesterday, returning from his vacation tour.

During a short interruption of the journey in Belgrade, Dr. Goebbels drove through the city accompanied by the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Cincovic, and his wife.



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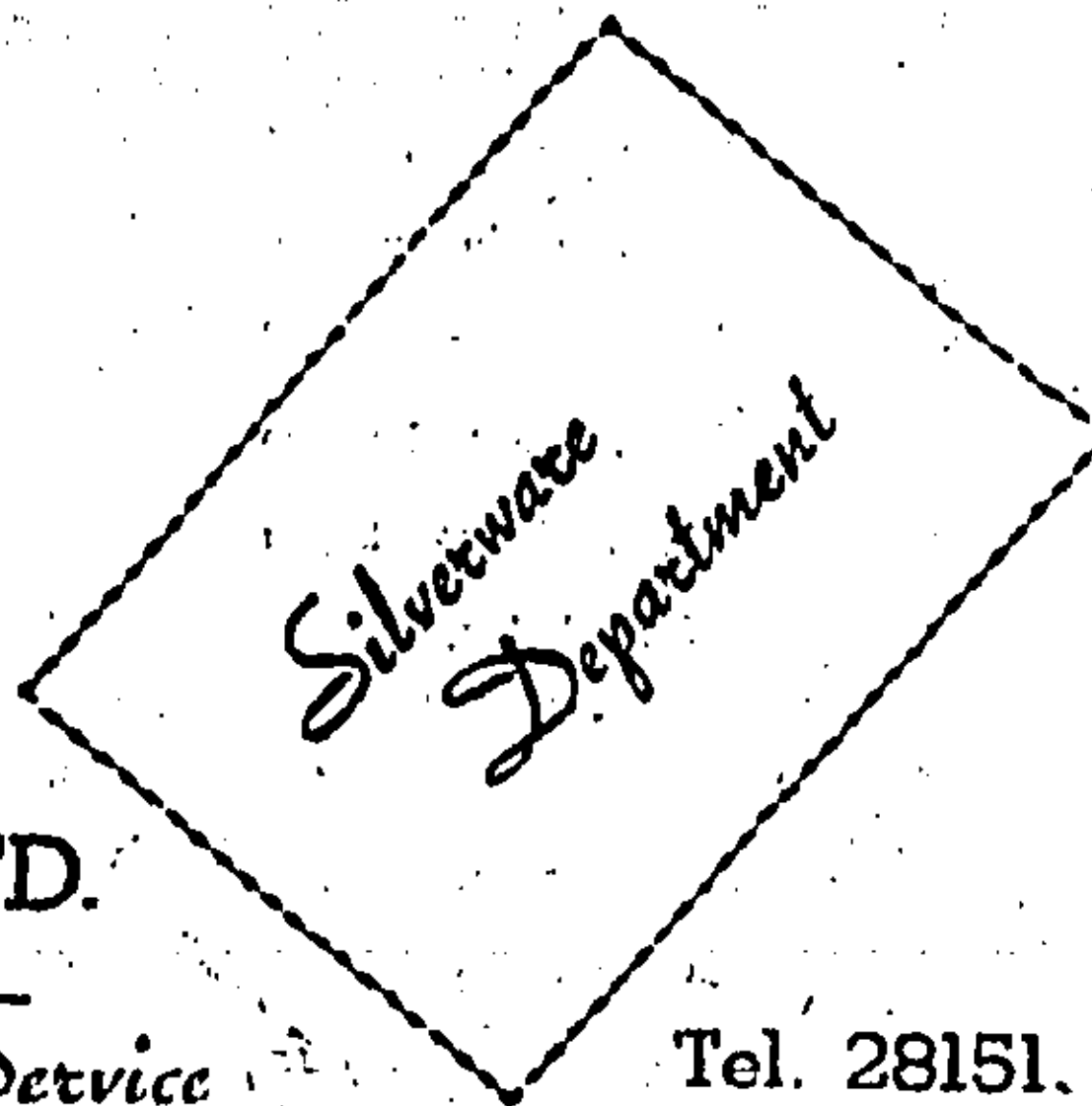


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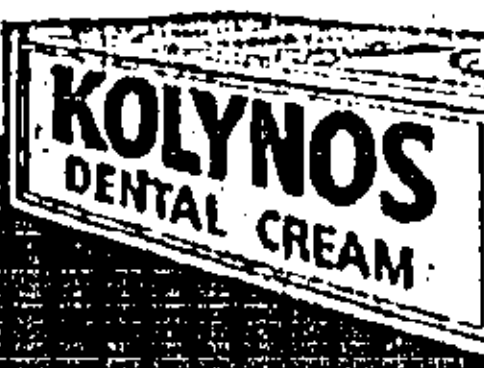


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Why Poland Hesitates To Accept Soviet's Aid:
A Military Expert Gives Polish View Of The

International Military Situation Of Poland

POLAND is wedged in between Greater Germany and Soviet Russia. That is to say that, from the military standpoint, her situation has been and remains difficult and delicate. To recognize this fact, a glance at the map of Europe is sufficient. The situation speaks for itself. No further comments are necessary.

But, since a certain time, things have grown considerably worse. Thus, the German occupation of Czechoslovakia secures for the Reich an indisputable strategic superiority in Central and Eastern Europe. If it were true that the world is merely a machine based geometrical proposition, this occupation might be regarded as the beginning of the German overlordship in this part of Europe. From this point of view, the situation might most certainly give cause for alarm. It is, in fact, true that the possession of the Czech bastion consolidates, materially and militarily, the position of the Third Reich, insofar as it provides it with a solid platform for other conquests and for the protection of its flanks and rear. Its frontier has been shortened by 312 miles. By her possession of Slovakia, Germany believes that she can exercise an effective pressure upon Hungary to which the latter might also be obliged to succumb. The vicinity of the Third Reich is therefore becoming more and more menacing for Rumania, whose agriculture and oil constitute a tempting prey. The recent economic agreements between Rumania and Germany furnish the latter with the much desired fuel and improve, without completely solving the difficulties of the disastrous conditions in which she placed herself in this respect.

BUT the military situation of Poland has also been aggravated directly. By accepting the convention of March 24th, Slovakia has virtually lost her independence. With time, she will be transformed into a powerful stronghold of the Third Reich. Her joint frontier with Poland is to be fortified. She will therefore serve the Germans as a marching base and also for the protection of the flanks of their army in its progress towards the conquest of the East and South East of Europe.

By seizing Memel and exercising pressure upon Lithuania, Berlin is trying to encircle Poland from the North. The Polish State is already being gripped by the German pincers. This is, for Poland, a matter of serious preoccupation. But Poland never despaired.

FROM the point of view of material, the Germans obtain from Bohemia an equipment for 40 divisions, over 1,000 tanks and 1,000 airplanes. The Czech heavy industry, the coal, iron, lead and silver mines, further the Czech agriculture and live-stock enable Germany to constitute numerous reserves.

Thus, it can be said that, during the past two years, the Third Reich has considerably increased its war potential from the strategic, material, territorial and demographic standpoint (a gain of 200,000 sq. km. and of 20 million inhabitants). It seems that Germany has realized that the theory of the short and annihilating war is merely a legend and that she is now preparing for a long war for the conquest of the world.

The first episode of this war will have been the entry of the German divisions in Prague, and that day, Hitler exposed himself to a public accusation of perjury, in so far as he denied the principle of the "National State" and replaced it by a new slogan—"The Holy Empire." It would be surprising if this did not cause Mussolini to reflect.

But what is the real situation? From this moment, Germany, in the present, the measures of defence envisaged by the Powers must be elaborated with a full knowledge of the facts.

obstinate, ardent, tenacious and patriotic Slavs—will never bow to the German yoke of their own free will in the event of war. They will not be a factor of power, but a factor of dissolution. And what about the other States born of the Peace Treaties? For them, the march of events will depend upon the Great Powers. Who sow, reap—they will have the Europe they deserve. But what holds good for the Great Powers also applies to the large and small States wedged in between Russia, Germany and Italy.

SIMILARLY constituted, these States, which are of about the same age and were christianised at

By Gen L. SIKORSKI,
Former Prime Minister And Minister Of War Of Poland

roughly the same date, have as little affinity with the Soviets as with Germany. In reality—and this fact is not yet completely realised in France and in England—these countries are the natural and destined allies of the Western Powers.

But they are attempting prey for Germany. There can be no doubt that, if the Third Reich were assured of impunity, it would not hesitate to subject each of these countries to the fate of Czechoslovakia. Pretences are not lacking.

For Russia, on the other hand, these States form an ideal fortress, a possible battlefield. For the Western democracies, this region will be merely the board on which their own security and the sole remaining chances of peace in Europe will be staked. Whether a short or a long-term process, this will be a question of life and death for East and West.

ONCE in possession of reserves permitting of a long drawn-out war, Germany will become a mortal danger for all her neighbours. If she is now to be allowed to progress in this direction, war will be inevitable owing to the formidable increase of armaments to the international tension. For imperial competition, for the armaments race, it is well known that there is only one issue—war.

It was also common knowledge that any outside attempt to prevent Germany from extending her domination to the centre and East of Europe would be immediately followed by a protest against encirclement. But what could this matter?

There is nothing to be done, unless the Great Powers decide upon a radical transformation of their methods. They must lay down immediately the principles of effective international collaboration together with the necessary measures of security and defence. In other words, for peace and not only for defence, the association of the Great Powers and of the States of Central and Eastern Europe who wish to retain their independence must organise the material, economic and financial conditions to preserve their life. As a matter of fact, a union or block for purposes of mutual defence will only be really effective if constituting not merely an economic association closed to any State that may prove altogether too dynamic, but an organisation prepared to admit any candidate proposing to co-operate.

Whilst awaiting a consummation which, it is to be hoped, may be less remote than it seems at present, the measures of defence envisaged by the Powers must be elaborated with a full knowledge of the facts.

THIS pacific defence front which appears to be desired by the democracies must be

States of Central and Eastern Europe are fully justified in guarding themselves both East and West. They have repeatedly declared that they will not tolerate the use of their territories for the passage of either of the armies of their powerful neighbours.

For the moment, the actual menace appears to come from Germany. It would be sufficient if the Eastern Powers were assured that any attack from this side would result in a joint action of all the Powers against the aggressor, for them to defend themselves, arms in hand, up to the last extremity.

FOR Poland, the situation is clear. She will not fall in her task. Like others, the Polish nation has its faults. But it has also a great virtue—an ardent and conscious patriotism. This is proved by the numerous spontaneous manifestations in Poland to-day. The Poles will defend their country up to their last drop of blood. And this will to fight has always been and still is the essential condition of the military value of a nation. With its strong and reliable army, the Polish people will defend itself in any circumstances, even if forced to face the enemy alone. Its determination may nonetheless be the beginning of a general conflagration. However this may be, Poland will remain true to her military traditions. And in defending the integrity of her own soil, she will adhere, at her own moment, to the camp of those who fight for the preservation of peace and liberty.

Russia who, for her part, may have her hands full with Japan in the case of a world conflict (this is naturally the opinion of the author and his friends), would, at that moment be able to afford useful aid by supplying various primary materials and armaments. Generally speaking, friendly neutrality and the possibility of war and other supplies are the main desiderata. As for the question of the collaboration of the Russian air force, the best arm of the Soviets, this might be taken into consideration. This would be the maximum that the neighbours of Russia would wish to obtain from her—they would not desire any further co-operation.

THEY do not wish to be exposed to the menace of bolshevism.

Only in the case of a desperate situation and the total invasion of Poland, would it be possible to call upon the direct co-operation of Russia. But if such a moment were to come, one would have to believe in the imminent destruction of mankind by collective madness.

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H.N. Brailsford Remains Suspicious Of Mr. Chamberlain And Still Wonders Whether He Will Not Be Guilty Of Letting Europe Down

THE other day, Lord Halifax, in a tentative and interrogative way, prepared us to believe that the "National" Government might be on the eve of conversion to the doctrine of collective security.

It has suggested to France, Poland and even to the Soviet Union the signature of a collective pledge that they will consult one another if Germany should commit any further act of aggression.

On the following Thursday morning the Fuehrer landed in Memel and annexed its small, but strategically important, territory to his ever-expanding Empire.

The arrangement that placed this solidly German city under Lithuanian sovereignty was unnatural and unwise. But that is no sufficient excuse for the brutality of Hitler's now customary procedure.

He had promised at Munich to leave Memel, which had latterly governed itself, undisturbed. He wrenched it from Lithuania by threatening to bomb her capital.

No "consultations" took place over this act of perfidy and violence. Herr Hitler has met Mr. Chamberlain and taken his measure.

GAINS FROM RUMANIA

The case that made part, but by no means all, of the Cabinet doubtful about the policy of appeasement was, as Lord Halifax confessed, that of Rumania.

Two democracies have gone under with the active help of British diplomacy. Both of them have made, and were still making, a generous contribution to European civilisation.

Rumania, under one of the most unsavoury Governments of our Continent, is no democracy, nor has its sterile culture created anything to enrich our minds. But it has deep oil wells, an exportable surplus of wheat, some minerals, and much vegetable fat.

Over these natural resources Germany aspires to win a monopoly. They might enable her to face a long war and a naval blockade with some measure of confidence.

It is not true that she presented an ultimatum in Bucharest, but she has doubtless used pressure and, in the main, she has gained mountains.

Hungary has over Rumanian territory racial and historical claims that can be revived at will. That may happen when Slovakia is finally liquidated and the deep snow melts on the Carpathian mountains.

WHAT OF POLAND?

If Hitler is looking for directions in which he may realise his dream of restoring the old mediaeval Empire, he has in this misgoverned region of Central and Eastern Europe an unlimited choice.

The Croats, who really are oppressed by the Serbs whereas the Slovaks were bound to the Czechs only by a federal tie, have been losing patience with Belgrade.

And through Yugo-slavia—a democracy only in name, Germany would stretch through the Adriatic into Mediterranean waters. Over such a prospect wise statesmen would certainly "consult" betimes.

The formula of consultation has in the Mediterranean." This may be a prudent ring; it binds no one. It belongs to the ancient traditional vocabulary of Downing Street. But let us ask ourselves how it looked from the standpoint, say, of Poland.

This is a semi-Fascist Power, imperfectly totalitarian, but not without some relics of democracy. It balances between its Ten-Year Pact with Germany and its nominal alliance with France. It oppresses its Ukrainian and Jewish minorities, but treats its Germans with consideration.

In two successive weeks it has seen its territory encircled by the German Empire on two additional frontiers—for Lithuania and Slovakia are now Hitler's pawns. It dreads Germany because she may any day snatch Danzig, the Corridor, and the Silesian coal-mines. It dreads the Soviet Union because it is Communist.

HITLER DOES NOT CONSULT

To ask this opportunist Power to pledge itself to "consult" over the next German aggression was to invite it to challenge Hitler. He does not "consult"; he acts.

Before the dilatory motions of consultation were completed between London, Paris, Warsaw and Moscow, Hitler would have launched his customary threat to bomb Warsaw, and the map of Poland would be torn to ribbons.

It is true enough that no one trusts Hitler's word, but, who, after the experiences that Spain and Czechoslovakia have undergone, could trust the word of the Chamberlain-Daladier firm?

Poland's demand for an out-and-out alliance was a wise precaution.

LONDON-PARIS-MOSCOW

The Soviet Union, on the other hand, is confident in its own strength, but it, too, has its proper suspicions of London and Paris. It remembers the betrayal of Munich, for which Mr. Chamberlain has still no regrets.

Even Mr. Chamberlain has been forced to realise that if any progress is to be made on the road to collective security, the Government will have to advance beyond "consultations" in the manner of the forgotten Kellogg Pact to precise commitments.

These may yet have to be defied, at such a conference as Litvinoff proposed, by the soldiers and sailors as well as the statesmen of the Great Powers, if they propose to salvage anything from the wreckage of European civilisation.

The alliance, if it is to act as a deterrent to Hitler, must operate instantly and automatically at the first whisper of a threat. To leave Hitler and his prospective victims guessing whether in each case that arises it will suit London and Paris to resist, to non-intervene or to appease, is to invite this gambler of genius to speculate on our weakness and our selfishness.

Even his intention is not necessarily infallible. If Europe remains the unorganised continent it is to-day he will one day guess wrong and then we shall be left, stripped of friends and positions, to oppose him alone.

RARELY GRAVER

THE European situation has rarely been graver. The Axis has triumphed in Spain. Mussolini made in his bombastic speech demands on France that ought to be refused on principle, though they may be more moderate than his preliminary barrage had led us to expect.

He has since said that Italy is not a prisoner direct.

Hitler has turned the usual technique of intimidation against Poland, which is to all appearance preparing to resist.

In this time of danger the outstanding fact of the European situation is that the three reactionaries in whose hands our destinies lie—Mr. Chamberlain in London, Colonel Beck in Warsaw, and the semi-Fascist M. Bonnet in Paris—refuse to accept Russia's offer of aid.

JOINING HANDS WITH PREMIER

Meanwhile, a decisive step has been taken in our political life at home. After several consultations in Downing-street, the Labour Party has rallied to Mr. Chamberlain's support.

His announcement that the Territorial Army is to be doubled was a new and capital fact. It means that the Expeditionary Force available for service on the Continent will be raised from 19 to 32 divisions.

The statement was made in answer to a question from Mr. Greenwood, who then gave it his blessing. This, then, is the outcome of the recent talks in Downing-street between the Prime Minister and the leaders of the Opposition.

Conscription has been staved off for the time being; but the Labour Party has agreed to give to Mr. Chamberlain, for the more effective conduct of his foreign policy, a striking force which he could not hope to raise without its goodwill.

It may not be easy to recruit the additional men from a working-class that feels that this Government has betrayed Spain and the Czech Republic. The thing can be done, if it can be done, only if the Labour Party turn themselves with enthusiasm into recruiting sergeants for Mr. Chamberlain.

ANOTHER SCRAP OF PAPER?

By doing this, the Labour Movement—I write, as always, only for myself—has assumed the gravest responsibility of its career since it backed the Liberal statesmen who led us to Versailles and did their utmost to wreck the Russian Revolution.

I can guess what will be said in defence of its action. It may believe that Mr. Chamberlain is at least really angry with the Fuehrer, who "let him down." It can claim that it has saved the voluntary system.

It has, it may be, received private assurances from Mr. Chamberlain that he will back the Poles. It may even have been told, rather more vaguely, that in due course he may accept offers of the Russians, which were rejected as "premature."

That kind of thing is usual on occasions. The most ample assurances were given during the war to Arthur Henderson and the T.U.C. On this subject workers would do well to refresh their memories by reading the brilliant little "Pelican" book "Between Two Wars", by K. Zilliacus ("Vigilantes").

Every promise was broken, but with the aid of organised Labour Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who was then as now responsible, got his men.

The first thing to be said bluntly is that Poland cannot be defended without Russian help. The Germans, if they should attack, would break Poland's precarious communications with the sea in a few days or hours. Thereafter, British

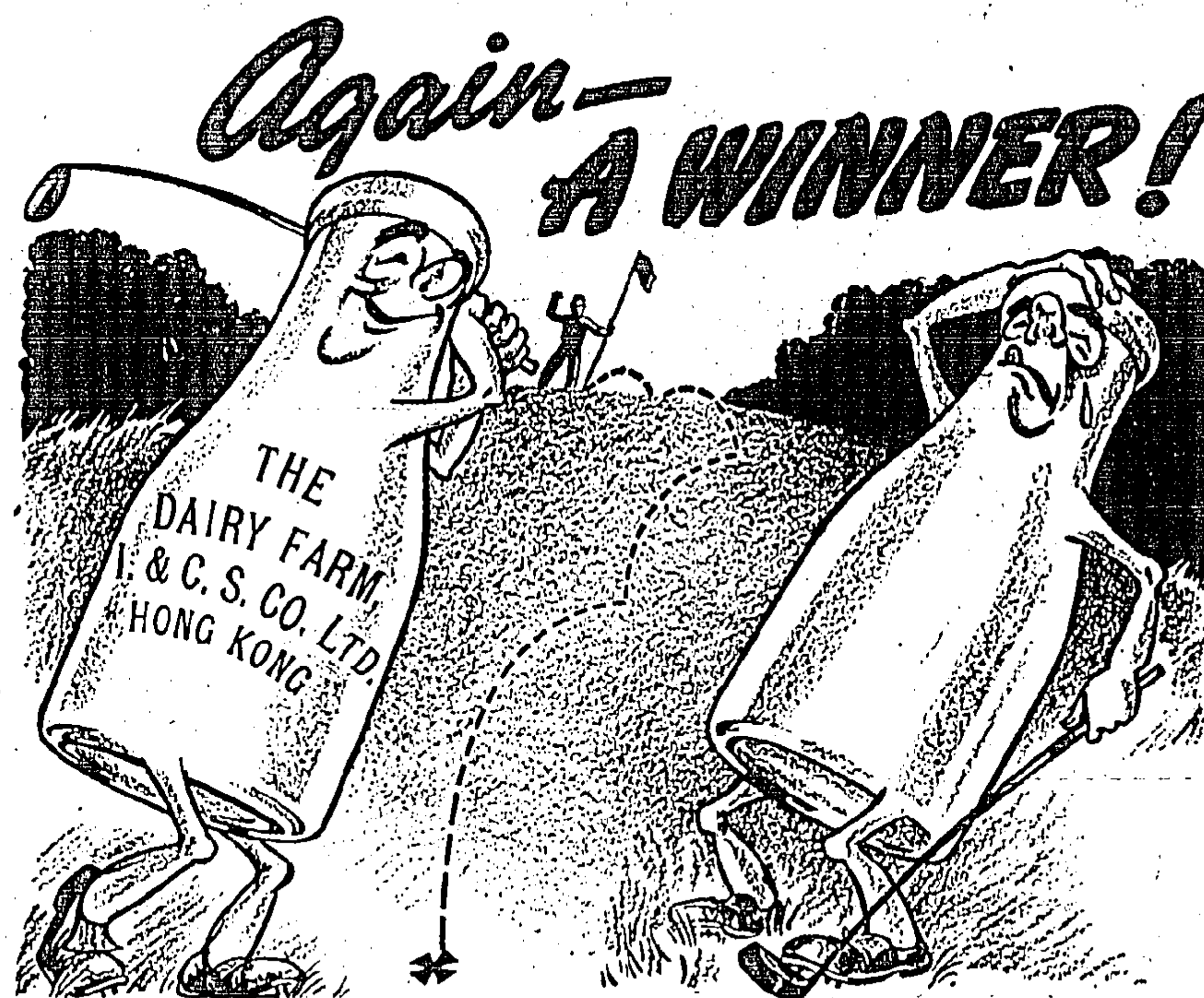
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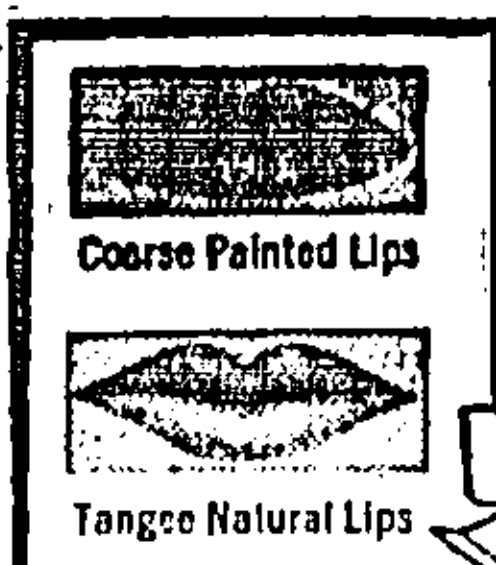
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ALL ON A DIET

MOST of the bad feeling in the world is due, directly or indirectly, to diet. The English are chiefly responsible. Comparatively sane in most things, my fellow-countrymen have, in recent years, gone a little potty about their cats. They cannot make up their minds what meals are for.

When I was young, food was closely bound up with morals. Its main purpose was to mortify the flesh as a safeguard against eternal punishment. For the good of its soul, every child was periodically given things to eat which the adults knew it didn't like.

Among the most vivid memories of my infancy is the spectacle of small children weeping with nausea over some dish that was specially chosen for its revolting taste and appearance, while stern parents stood over them commanding them, in thunderous tones, to eat it AT ONCE, or it would turn up at every meal until they did.

This custom of punishing children by food has lapsed. It served its purpose. It gave the nation indigestion, and put the people in the right mood for the wage-cuts and industrial expansion on which our greatness is founded.

But the habit of regarding food as a means to moral development was too deeply rooted in the English character to be easily abandoned. They had to invent some other reason for eating nasty things with a good intention.

So the guilty conscience, which, in this country, is inseparably as-



sociated with the pleasures of the table broke out in another form. And we got Curative Diet, or Nature-Cure.

This is based on the theory that diseases are the result of eating the wrong (that is, the nice) things. The idea is to live as much like the beasts of the field as possible. And as the beasts don't seem to know the first thing about cooking, you eat as much as possible of your food raw.

This does not mean that you have to hide behind a tree and pounce out on a passing cow, or chase a rabbit down a hole. You confine your farmyard imitations to the vegetarian species, whose habits are more suitable for gentlefolk.

It is a matter of conjecture why the kitchenless quadrupeds came to be chosen as a guide to human health-seekers. In my opinion, it is due to a revival of primitive Pantheism or Nature-worship.

The English intelligentsia were due for a new religion after three generations of atheism, and as they have lived so much in cities they naturally regarded the countryside as the abode of the supernatural.

This is the only explanation I can give as to why otherwise reasonable people sit down daily and eat raw vegetables while there is a saucepan in the house.

Recently, when I was feeling unwell and my defences were down, I let my friends persuade me to give these occult practices a trial.

A Nature-worshiper wrote me out a diet. It reads like a recipe for pigwash. Its liquids were strictly confined to fruit juices. Fruit juices. You heard.

At the end of the first day I understood the reason for the awful solemnity of the beasts. They chew raw vegetables.

For three days I spent most of what used to be meal-times chewing steadily at what they said was grated raw carrot, but might have been old hat. And I knew why donkeys have long faces and utter such despairing heart-cries.

My morals broke down. I spoke crossly to the cat. I used words like "Bother!" in the presence of ladies. When the fourth day dawned, grey and hopeless, I decided that if raw carrots were the price of life I would take death to my arms like a bride.

At this point I remembered that in these days of rampant empiricism there are always half a dozen conflicting expert opinions on every important subject, and that in a free country a citizen is at liberty to choose his own.

I called upon an Eminent Physicist. I said I was looking for an expert opinion that would match a strong personal bias, and asked him to show me what opinions he had in stock.

He gave me a thorough examination. "In a case like this," he said,

something goes wrong. The trouble began when England decided not to feed herself. Germany followed suit, and now we have two nations refusing to eat their own natural food and preparation to fight each other for sources of supply.

The reason—pass the mustard, please. Thanks—the reason is clear. It is apparently a law of nature that nations which eat imported food develop paralysis of the palate, lose their sense of taste, and, having nothing to live for, turn their minds naturally to thoughts of mutual destruction. Alas! Germany, sadly munching imitation sausages, is substituting guns for butter. England, exchanging the full-flavoured pasties and puddings of her fathers for the sorrowful slabs of mass-production, is discussing raw carrots and conscription.

That is my reading of the situation. I do not regret these raw carrots. But for that agonising experience, much might have remained hid that is now revealed. It is not too late to return to sanity and the rule of the palate. An international conference of chefs might yet save the situation.

Apropos of the row going on about the milk industry—it is of interest to note that a few centuries ago the peasants believed that a baby fed on cow's milk would grow up with many of the characteristics of the cow.

It is a pity this is not true. Yesterday, I approached a reclining cow, and read aloud to her the headlines of the day's news—murders, accidents, wars, persecutions, Nazi speeches, A.R.P.

Slowly she turned her head, and gazed at me for a few moments with serene, wondering eyes. Then she looked back again to the distant hills. And all the time the gentle rhythm went on—43 chews, a swallow, a gulp; 43 chews, a swallow, a gulp; 43 chews....

I fell under the influence of that contemplative and untroubled rumination. For a while I sat beside her on a fallen tree; then I arose, calm in spirit, knowing the nation's need.

England must chew the cud.

by
YAFFLE

both cheeks and withdrew to the nearest grill-room at the double. Half an hour later, outside a steak and onions, I had recanted Nature-worship and returned to the faith of my fathers.

As I was saying, the quarrel some state of the world is mainly due to wrong diet. When people begin to choose food for any other reason than that it tastes good,

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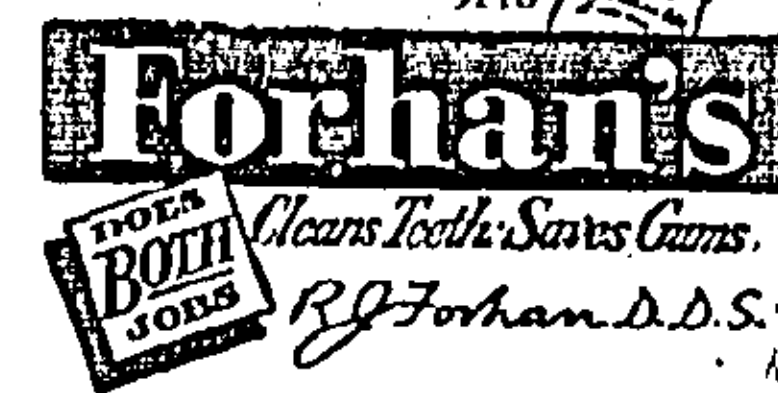


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CANNY PEASANT WITH A GIFT

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Rasputin's presence in the intimate entourage of the Imperial couple had a perfectly reasonable explanation, says the Grand Duke. All the famous doctors of the day had failed to cure the Tsarevitch of haemophilia—bleeding that cannot be stopped. Then Rasputin was introduced to the Emperor and Empress by someone who was on intimate terms with them. Of Rasputin the Grand Duke says: "He was neither a saint nor a monk, nor, indeed, mad. He was quite simply a very healthy and



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canny Russian peasant with an unusual gift for which science has hitherto found no explanation, but which is more frequently to be found among primitive peoples than among those who have been touched by civilisation.

"A native of a township of no great importance in Siberia, he had lost his parents early in childhood, and was brought up by some monks together with other orphans. When he was old enough to earn his living he followed many professions, and seems to have led a vagrant existence."

POWER WENT TO HIS HEAD

By some means Rasputin was able to stop the Tsarevitch's internal bleeding and terrible pain. Because he thus became indispensable, says the Grand Duke, he was used by many of the satellites of the Court for their own purposes. His rise to fame and power went to his head.

He was spoilt by the good things of life, to which he was not used. He knew the credulity of the people and played the saint. The Grand Duke holds that although Rasputin was immoral in his private life, his conduct at Court "left nothing to be desired, and that his dealings with the Emperor and Empress were perfectly natural." The writer adds: "The whole Rasputin episode has been greatly exaggerated. Those who consulted him and

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sought his company were seeking to curry favour, and that flattery and admiration thoroughly demoralised this peasant, as was only natural for a man of his extraction. Meanwhile, the Tsarevitch lived, and that was the most essential thing to the Imperial couple. They have not deserved the calumny which has been poured over them because of Rasputin."

The Grand Duke Cyril died last October, leaving this book unpublished. It has been finished by his son, the Grand Duke Vladimir, who succeeded him as claimant to the Imperial throne.

THE GREAT PURGE

(Continued from Page 10)

"Well, Mrs. Gushbody is going to get a mouthful too!" I laughed. "Order two dozen cream buns, will you?"

"What on earth for?"

"Never mind what for. Remember what Herbert Asquith said—'Wait and see!'"

The buns arrived, and I was pleased to note several frothy-looking meringues were included.

I expounded my plan to Smzphiff.

He managed to pull himself together.

"And what part do I take?" he asked.

"You," I replied, "Will hold the lady from behind, whilst I do the stuffing."

I picked up an umbrella.

"This," I observed, "will make a useful ramrod."

Motioning a boy to follow us with the tray of buns, we approached the other table.

Mrs. G. was discoursing.

"... and she was wearing a rope of pearls, my dear ... of course, everyone knows they're not real ones, but then her husband is only an overcoat, so what else could you expect ... they say that her third little boy is quite fair, whereas she and her husband are so dark ... it seems a little strange doesn't it?"

"... but, of course, you can't believe all you hear, can you?"

"... such a charming woman too!"

I waited until she had finished speaking, and then I bowed.

"Excuse me, Mrs. Gushbody," I said, "but do you happen to know if she has any more buns?"

why I should have asked such an extraordinary question, but let me remind you that I was endeavouring to make our purge as humane as possible. If the lady was wearing false teeth, I had no wish to dislodge them, and possibly suffocate her).

Mrs. G's face turned crimson.

"How dare you ask me such a question," she said. "Of course I don't."

"Then I'm afraid you're out of luck," I remarked. "A set of false teeth would have saved you a lot of unpleasantness!"

Her mouth gaped with astonishment.

That was what I was waiting for.

Whilst Smzphiff plucked her arms, I stuffed the juiciest meringue I could find down her throat.

Then, wedging her back teeth with a couple of eclairs, I filled her mouth with as many buns as I was able.

In spite of ramming them well in with the umbrella, I could find no room for the last half dozen, but they were really unnecessary.

"I don't think our friend will have any further gossip to relate for quite a long time," I remarked to Smzphiff.

After a wash-and-brush-up, which was badly needed—we were at last able to enjoy a well-earned rest.

"I wouldn't have missed this 'Purge' stunt for the world," said Smzphiff. "I think it's great!"

"Yes, but it has one drawback," I pointed out.

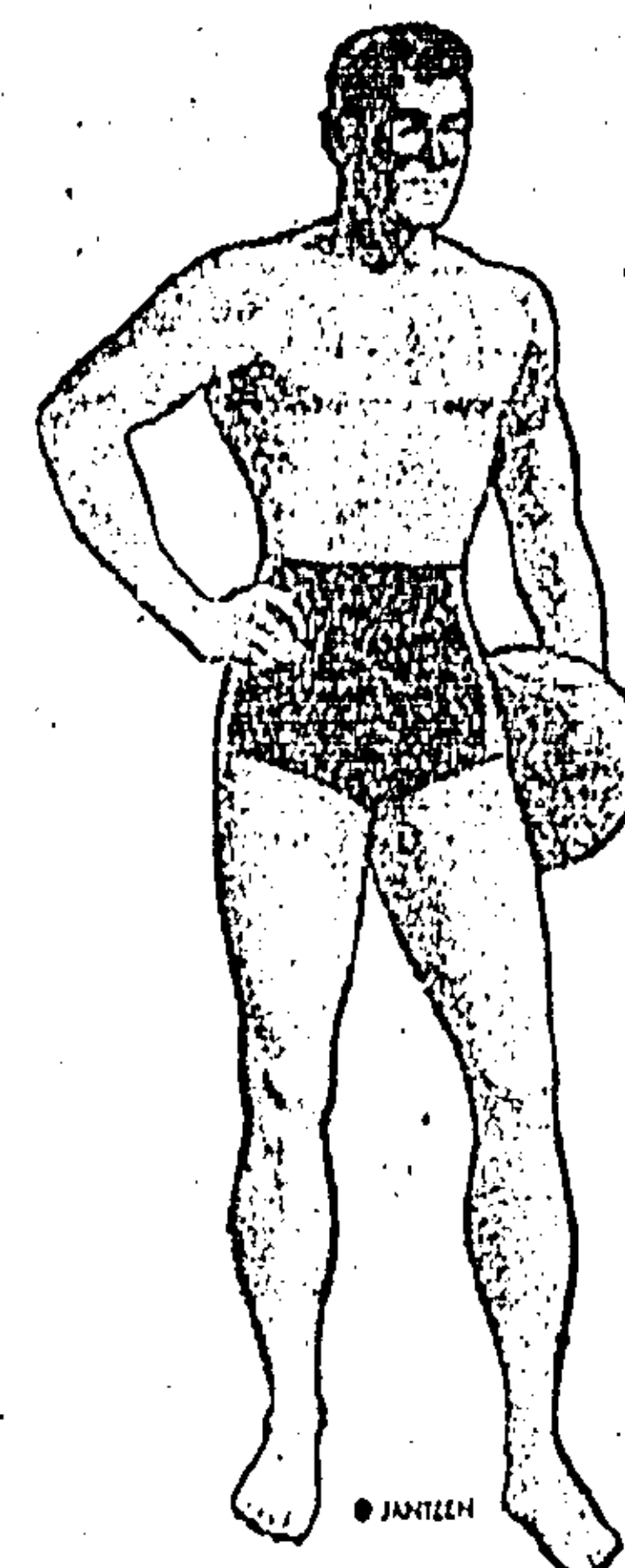
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"It's all right as long as somebody doesn't take it into his head to put a stop to it."

"I hadn't thought of that!" said Smzphiff.

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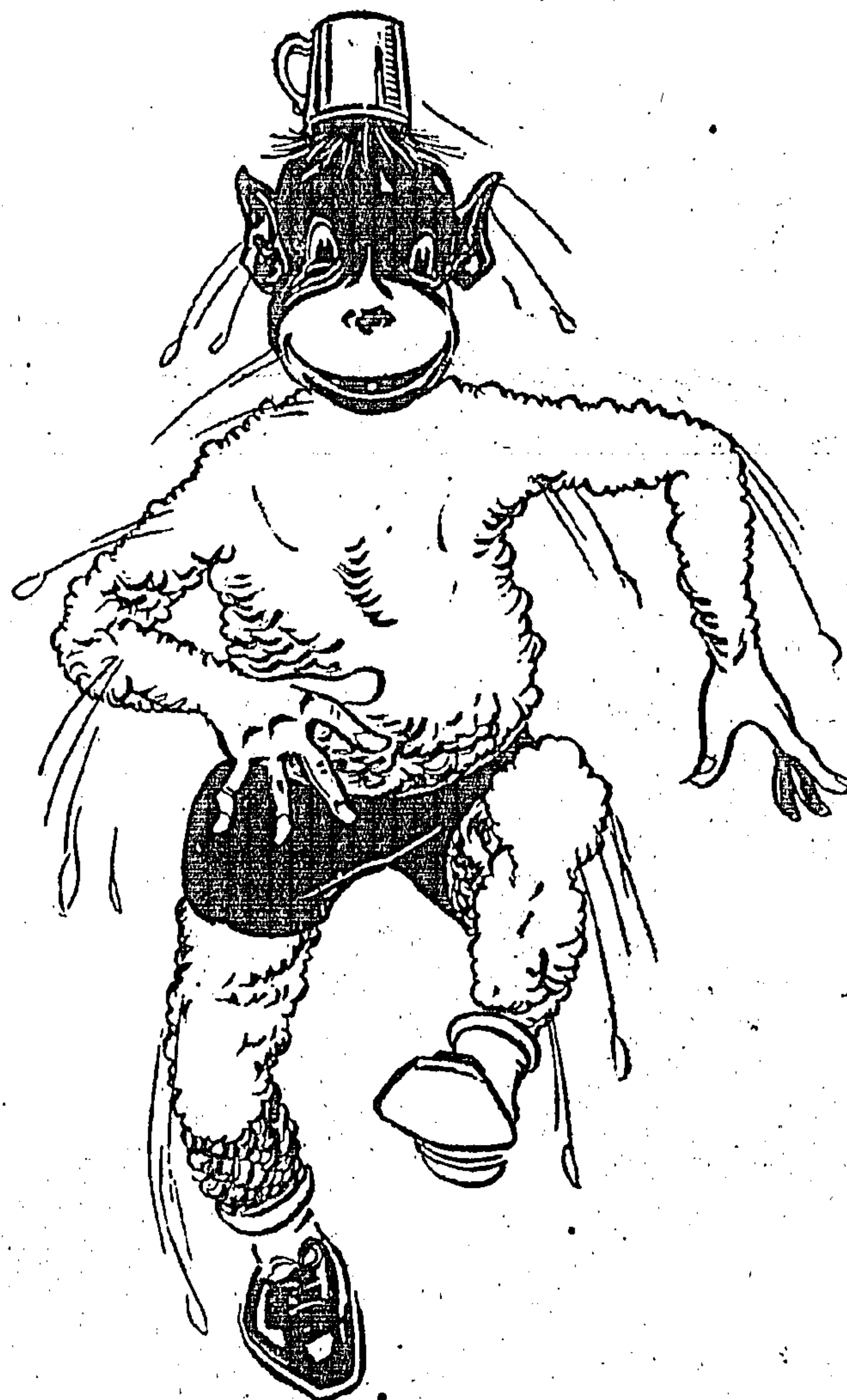
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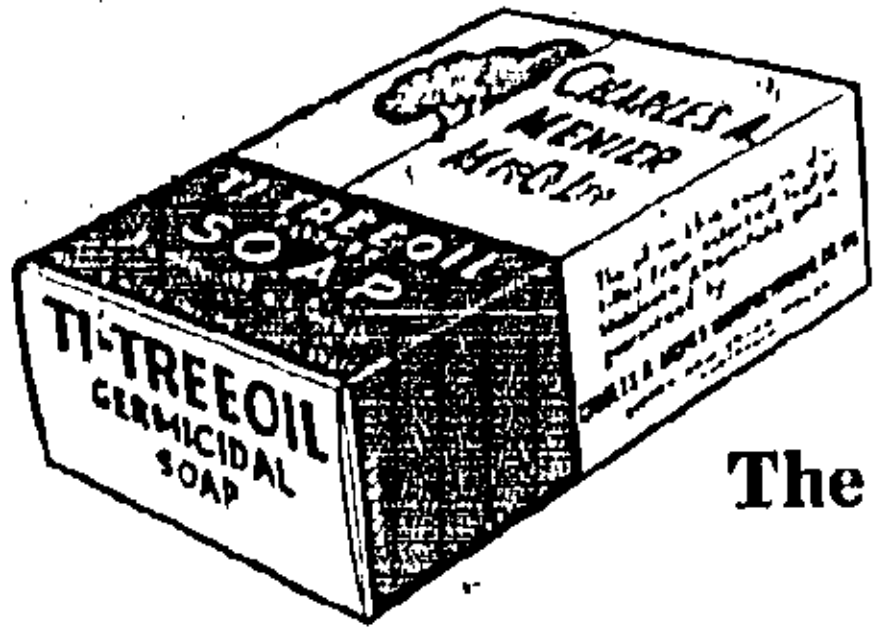


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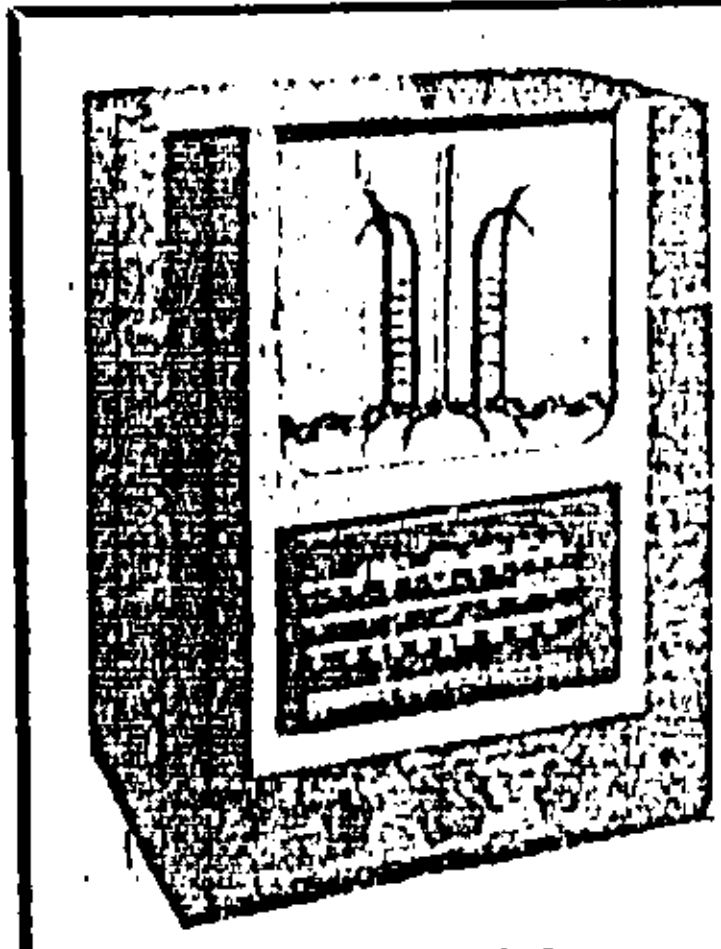
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Front Of Freedom**

THE international tension due to the recent German *coup de force*, to the renewed German menaces to Europe, to the claims and attacks of the Italian fascists on France, will probably continue for some time. A slight clearing of the international horizon would, however, appear to be announced by the fact that, although the totalitarian States have not abandoned their intentions, they have nonetheless been obliged to cope with a far stronger resistance during the last few days.

This result is due in the first place to the firmness of the terms by which Daladier has expressed the unanimous resolution of the French people with regard to the pretensions of the Rome Government. In endeavouring to intimidate France by a press campaign and by organised vituperations, also by vaguely menacing discourses leaving doubt as to the scope of its claims, the Italian Government hoped to delude France into conjuring the danger by concessions. It further placed its hopes—although it has made no public effort to encourage this tendency—in the support of those who persist in counting upon the rupture of the Berlin-Rome axis and who, after reckoning with Italy to exercise a moderating influence upon Germany, imagine that Italy will take steps to hold up Germany.

The Fatal Inch

If these tactics had succeeded, France, yielding to a menace, would have conceded the fatal inch which would have led to the loss of the ell—in other words, would have incurred a loss of prestige equivalent to what a loss of speed means for an aeroplane—and such a new victory of force, obtained this time over a Great Power, might have had incalculable consequences. By replying that France, who owed no-one anything, would cede neither an inch of her territory nor any one of her rights, and by countering intimidation by a demonstration of the firm resolution of France, Daladier has reduced the intrigue to naught.

This is shown by the embarrassed tone of the Italian press and of the speech made by Mussolini at Reggio-Calabria. Simultaneously, the appeal to the solidarity of the peoples who are determined to defend, with their independence, the very existence of civilisation and liberty, has been heard all over the world.

THIS general restoration of the front of freedom is progressing satisfactorily, thanks to the resolute attitude of Britain who, in agreement with France, has given the signal and set the example. It is finally being realised that the totalitarian States cannot be held up in their conquests unless the nations threatened definitely combine to stop them. They have in fact undertaken to rid themselves of the illusions that may have been entertained since the Munich agreements.

It was hoped that the attack on Czechoslovakia would be the last of the series, that Germany would be satiated and Italy appeased, and that both these States would henceforth collaborate in the organisation of peace. The Anglo-German agreement of Munich and that signed in Paris on December 6th last would, it was thought, clear the ground for the substitution of pacific negotiations for violence.

**Czecho-Slovak
Calvary**

The States closed their eyes to the Czecho-Slovak Calvary and proposed to pass the sponge over all the preceding defaults of the Reich.

It was true that the two partners of the Munich pact, the "spirit of Munich" signified the final triumph of their so-called dynamism: that is, for Germany, the final triumph of the *Lebensraum* in Central and Eastern Europe, and for Italy, the

—that Hitler persisted in his colonial claims, and that the atrocious reports of the pogroms again revolted world conscience. All this was regarded as past and gone, and the nations continued to place their hopes in pacific collaboration.

But the veil has been brutally rent asunder. After the assassination of Czechoslovakia, nothing remains of the Munich agreements by which her integrity was guaranteed, nor of the Anglo-German and of the Franco-German declarations. Nor of the pretence alleged by the Reich to justify her conquests. There is no more question of racialism, since the Czechs

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DELBOS****Former French
Foreign Minister**

and the Slovaks are not Germans, nor of the right of peoples to dispose of themselves, since it is impossible to affirm that the Czechs were the oppressors of Germanism and at the same time aspired to be Germanised.

Stripped of all wrappings, this system is nothing more than the law of the jungle.

The alleged necessity of vital space, which increases as satisfied, as explained in the Italian note of December 17th, 1938, knows no limits.

**Empire Of
Central Europe**

THUS, on the basis of successive, increasingly illegitimate, pretences, Germany is gradually creating the Empire of Central Europe. The absorption of Austria, Czechoslovakia and Memel has not slaked her thirst for conquest, but rather the contrary; already her claws are gripping the flanks of a Poland, three quarters encircled, and of Rumania, whose oil and wheat will refresh her strength to seek further prey.

It was therefore high time to revise the situation, the more so as disquieting symptoms have arisen in the regions of Holland, Belgium and Switzerland. Britain realised this fact and has now taken measures which may change the face of history.

It was, moreover, inevitable that England, with France and the other interested countries, should take the essential precautions to cope with a possible aggression on the Western front, whatever its direction. But it was doubtful whether she would overcome her objection to definite engagements in South and Eastern Europe.

Not only has England decided to do this, but it is she who has given the impetus to the formation of a common front against aggression by appealing to all nations concerned without exception. Unfortunately, the influence already exercised by Germany on some of these States and the difficulty of conjugating action between the U.S.S.R. and Poland have prevented this plan from maturing promptly.

FAILING an immediate defensive coalition, or a common declaration which might have proved unavailing, the British Government rapidly endeavoured to cope with the most imminent danger and to consolidate the principal rampart of the organisation—namely Poland. She met with certain objections on the part of Col. Beck, who, believing in the success of special negotiations with Germany, hesitated to embark upon a different method.

Further, it was possible that he feared that he would merely precipitate an aggression by taking precautions. But the German menace had become so definite and so imminent, and the reaction of Poland opinion so strong that such considerations had to be put aside, service to the freedom and the

obliged to mobilise, it would be suicide to refuse an offer that might mean salvation. It was in these circumstances that Mr. Chamberlain was able to make his decisive statements of March 31st and April 3rd.

**Assurances
To Poland**

Whilst awaiting the conclusion of its other consultations, the British Government undertook to give Poland every assistance in its power, if the latter considers that resistance is necessary in her vital interests. The provisions of this agreement were defined as well as the question of financial assistance during Col. Beck's visit to London. The problem of reciprocity was also settled, together with the agreement to the access of Lithuania to the system (a matter of vital importance for Poland) and, above all, of Rumania.

THE problem is to extend to the case of a German aggression the mutual obligations contracted by these countries for the event of a Russian aggression. Rumania would benefit by an English and French guarantee similar to that granted to Poland and by commercial agreements which, like that just signed in Paris, would preserve her from the economic penetration on which Germany counted to enforce her political hegemony over Bucharest. Further, since Rumania is a member of the Balkan Entente, a point at issue in adherence to this vast organisation of Turkey, Yugoslavia, Greece and perhaps Bulgaria. As for the U.S.S.R., with whom Britain is pursuing active and confidential negotiations, the question of the entry of her troops into Rumania and, above all, in Poland, is not raised for the moment, but with her air forces, supplies of arms and raw materials, she can most effectively cooperate in the common defence, apart from the fact that free passage through the Dardanelles would enable her to contribute efficaciously to military operations. Thus the three obstacles that can best hold up the Reich in its campaign of conquest have been or are about to be constituted—the certainty of encountering Great Britain both in East and West; the obligation to fight on two fronts, the Eastern factor being far stronger than supposed; finally, the prospect of a long war in which the economic and financial superiority of the peoples attacked and the increasing friendly attitude of the United States to their cause would assure their victory.

THE return to the conception of collective security is based upon less favourable premises than before the German aggressions, but they are still amply sufficient. It has been necessary to renounce any hope of reaching an agreement with the totalitarian States.

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**Britain's
Initiative**

And it is the British Government that has taken this initiative, notwithstanding the fact that its disinclination to interfere in East Europe and its ideological objections to the U.S.S.R. had often discouraged any desire to resist. If, like France, Great Britain had earlier combined with Poland, the Little Entente and the U.S.S.R., Europe would not have witnessed the recent coups de force, powerless to react. But it is useless to cry over spilt milk. It is better to note that Great Britain, by her initiative, and by the great military effort she is making—which it is hoped will lead to the institution of national service—is rendering an immense service to the freedom and the

Rome know full well that there is nothing that France and Britain could have more at heart than to come to an agreement with them.

If they describe measures of legitimate defence as an attempt to encircle them, everyone knows, themselves in the first place, what this amounts to. When they call upon nations they wish to subject to their yoke, to maintain their weakness by their divisions, without even concealing what their fate is to be, the latter would be insane to listen after the serious lessons they have received.

Those who know only force must be countered by force and unity. This may finally afford a basis for good relations.

To those who menace servitude and war, measures must be taken, as they are being now, successfully to offer peace in freedom.

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Supporter Asked To Play Interport But Missing Player Arrives In Time

The all-conquering Colony Interport ladies' hockey team are due back to-morrow morning by s.s. Wingsang.

Their impressive record in Shanghai is as follows:

Won 4-0 v All-Shanghai (Interport game)
Won 4-2 v Rest of Shanghai.
Won 8-1 v Greens (Shanghai League Champions)
Goal-scorers were: Mrs. Maud Read (9), Miss Betty Harker (3), Miss Jean Greig (1), Miss Marjorie Westcott (2) and Mrs. "Freddie" Dalziel (1).

Information received from Shanghai is to the effect that the Colony players were greeted on arrival in the Northern port with the news that the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association had received a cable saying that Mrs. Dalziel (inside-left) and Miss Greig (reserve forward) had been unable to secure accommodation on m.v. Terakuni Maru. This naturally caused some anxiety as Miss D. Moss and Miss B. Graves, the two reserves, were essentially defenders and the two missing players were forwards. Miss Iris Woolley, skipper of the side, and Mrs. Jane Lunn, manager, thereupon asked Mrs. Sybil Gardner, an ex-Interporter, if she would fill the vacancy at inside-left. Mrs. Gardner naturally said she would, whereupon a cable was sent to Hong Kong asking permission. In the meantime, however, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss Greig arrived on m.v. Terakuni Maru.

Mrs. Gardner is not returning with the rest of the party as she is spending a little longer with her mother in Shanghai. Jack Roger, ex-Hong Kong Hockey Club captain, gave valuable advice to the Colony side during the interval of their game against Rest of Shanghai, whom they beat 4-2 after being led 2-0 at half-time.

SMALL UNITS FAVOURED FOR CRICKET CUP

Royal Engineers will meet Small Units in the Semi-Final Round of the Small Units Cricket Knock-Out Cup competition at 11 a.m. next Thursday.

Small Units, aided by Army players in Major Sawyer, Cpl. Webb, S/Sgt. Patterson and Dr. Logan, are conceded an excellent chance of winning the competition.

SHOWER BATHS AT BOWLING ALLEYS

Hong Kong Bowling Alleys, in order to increase the comfort of patrons, have added additional facilities to their building in Lockhart Road, the latest being the installation of shower baths in the dressing rooms.

Competitions are well under way and the "Evo" League, second stage, has reached the semi-final rounds. The new Mixed Doubles competition which attracted 27 entries, is about to start.

RECREIO BADMINTON TRIP NORTH

The Club de Recreio badminton team were scheduled to arrive in Shanghai yesterday for a programme of matches against Clube Lusitano on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 19, 20 and 21 respectively.

The trip, it must be pointed out, was undertaken purely as a private matter, and there can be no question, therefore, of the forthcoming series being regarded as an Interport between the two ports.

The Recreio team, which comprises two men and four ladies, includes the following, all of whom are outstanding in local badminton circles:—

M. A. Oliveira
J. J. Remedios
Miss Marie Ribeiro
Miss Olga Ribeiro
Miss Maggie Xavier
Miss Myrtle Silva

It will be recalled Oliveira extended A. G. Meise, champion of Shanghai for seven years, during the latter's visit to the Colony several years ago.

THE PROGRAMME

A programme—subject to approval after the arrival of the visitors—on game matches has been arranged for the three days of the series, consisting of one men's doubles, two mixed doubles, two men's singles, two ladies' singles and two ladies' doubles.

Negotiations have been conducted by Clube Lusitano with Shanghai badminton Association to stage three exhibition matches, one on each day of the competition, but it is yet too early to know of their success.

In the first exhibition, Miss Decima Eardley, runner-up for the Ladies' singles title, may be invited to meet Miss Maggie Xavier.

On the following day, Henry Eardley, recently crowned Shanghai singles champion, may meet Oliveira.

For the third exhibition, on the last day of the programme, it is hoped by Clube Lusitano to secure the services of the French Club and Country Club markers, in which case a doubles match of three sets may be staged. As these markers have rarely before played on a neutral court in an exhibition, it will be interesting to see their performance at Clube Lusitano.

All matches will be played at the Clube Lusitano's gymnasium, 46 Rue Massenet.

NEW CENTRE COURT

In the latter connection experi-



The triumphant Hong Kong Interport ladies' hockey team. From left to right (back row) Mrs. I. Stone, Miss G. White, Miss I. Woolley (captain), Mrs. J. Lunn (manager), Miss E. Gray, Miss H. Held; (front row) Mrs. O. Burnett, Miss B. Harker, Mrs. M. Read, Mrs. W. Dalziel and Miss M. Westcott.

BATHING SEASON OPENED AT NORTH POINT

The South China Athletic Association officially opened their bathing season yesterday, when, at their North Point pavilion, they held their first swimming gala, which was in the nature of an exhibition.

Many well-known Chinese swimmers participated, and the function concluded with a members' relay race and water-polo game.

The following took part in the various exhibition events:—

Men's 100 metres butterfly strokes:—Lo Yuk-wing, Chang Luk-wang, and Chiu Wai-lam.

Men's 100 metres free-style:—Chan Wing-kai, Wong Chi-hung, Chan Lul-bak, and Kwok Hong-ming.

Men's 400 metres free-style:—Chan Chun-nam and Chan Lul-bak.

Ladies' 100 metres free-style:—Miss Yeung Sau-chun, Miss Sui Wai-ying, Miss Chan Wan-king, and Miss Tsang Fung-kun.

Men's 100 metres back stroke:—Lau Yiu-ting, Wong Shiu-chi, and Yeung Yi-kwan.

Ladies' 100 metres back stroke:—Miss Yeung Sau-chun, and Miss Sai Wai-ying.

Men's 100 metres breast stroke:—Chan Lul-bak, Wong Shiu-hung, and Tam Sik-chung.

Ladies' 100 metres breast stroke:—Miss Chan Yuk-king and Miss Li Po-lin.

Relay Race:—Chan Chung-nam, Chan Wing-kai, Kwok Hong-ming, Chan Lul-bak, Chiu Wai-lam, Tsang Cheong-ming, Lam Yau-ling, Kwong Ki-fun, Lo Yuk-wing, Wong Shu-chi, and Wong Chi-hung.

Events are now being conducted to convert the two courts at present in use into one centre court, with additional seating accommodation at each end and on the sidelines. The main question at the moment is that of fighting, but it was hoped that this difficulty would be overcome during the Club Championships, which took place on April 12 and 13.

As the Badminton Association has already decided to hold the Shanghai Championships at Clube Lusitano next season, this new arrangement of courts, therefore, will be of particular interest.



The silver Interport souvenir brooch given to each member of the Colony ladies' team by the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association. On the stick is inscribed "1939 Interport Hockey." From tip to tip it measures three inches.

New Match For H.K. Bowlers In England

PROSPECTS FOR BOWLS SEASON

(By "Skip")

Green conveners have been unusually active these last few weeks getting the bowling greens in tip top order, selection committees have been having many sleepless nights through their endeavours to evolve winning combinations of players, and the scribes, myself included, have been looking for pointers on the coming season's prospects.

A fairly full programme of friendly matches, which would have helped us in the latter direction, was arranged for yesterday, but the terrific downpour of rain caused them all to be cancelled; so we must wait for another Saturday before we can tell how the various teams are shaping after their hibernation. From the names which have been published little can be gathered as to the chances prospective League players have not expressed their desire to play in these preliminary matches.

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Shield Donated By B. E. Maughan

Hong Kong lawn bowlers on leave in England this year, under the captaincy of Mr. J. F. Lunney, in addition to the annual encounter for the Esplan Cup, which was wrested last year from Wanstead, will compete with West Wimbledon Bowling Club for a trophy in the form of a shield presented by Mr. B. E. Maughan to West Wimbledon Bowling Club as a token of appreciation of the welcome that has always been extended to Hong Kong bowlers for many years past.

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Rare Tribute Paid To Miss Iris Woolley

Miss Gray Reviews Trip To Shanghai

"We were all very glad that Hong Kong was at last able to feel that the White Shield had really been won on merit.

"Previous Interports have been played under dreadful conditions and good hockey was an impossibility."—Miss Gray.

"A wonderfully enjoyable trip during which we were treated royally," was how Miss Eve Gray, three times Colony hockey captain, and right-back, described her visit to Shanghai with the all-victorious Hong Kong Ladies' hockey team.

Miss Gray, who arrived on Thursday by s.s. Corfu, was most enthusiastic about the fine arrangements made by the Shanghai authorities both with regard to the games themselves and the round of entertainment with which they were well regaled.

"I could not afford the time, unfortunately, otherwise I should have liked very much to have stayed on and travelled back with the remainder of the team."

"I shall always look back on the voyage to Shanghai as one of the happiest I have ever made. There was a fine spirit of camaraderie. Iris Woolley made an admirable captain and kept everyone together very well."

Commenting on the outstanding success of Mrs. Read, Miss Gray said that the Colony leader was much too fast and accurate in the circle for the Shanghai defenders, who were inclined to be slow.

"She has, however, a great deal to thank her wingers for. Mrs. Burnett and Miss Harker on the right-wing combined beautifully. They literally rattled the defences of all the teams we met."

MISS WOOLLEY'S BRILLIANCE
"Iris Woolley also gave inspired performances. Not only was she as dashing as ever in defence, but her distribution was perfect. She seldom, if ever, wasted a ball."

"To sum up everyone in the Hong Kong team did all that was expected of them."

The surprisingly poor showing of Shanghai Miss Gray attributed to their misfortune in the matter of trials. Owing to a series of wet week-ends, only one trial game was played.

"I have little doubt that had all the trials been played as arranged, Shanghai would have been able to eradicate the weaknesses shown up by the speedy Hong Kong players."

Miss Gray nevertheless confessed herself disappointed with the plan revealed in the Northern port. She said that their combination was very poor.

"At the moment I would place Hong Kong hockey on a very much higher level than that in Shanghai although there is tremendous enthusiasm there."

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"Prior to this trip I felt that it was about time I gave up hockey and had practically decided that I would not turn out again. The games in Shanghai have been so bracing that I have now begun to wonder if I might not be able to last another season after all! I feel quite rejuvenated!"

Miss Gray, as the first member of the team to embark for Hong Kong, was inundated with messages from the team for parents, husbands and "boy-friends." "I had quite a busy time after my return posting letters and telephoning," she said.

Mrs. "Freddie" Dalziel and Miss J. Greig, two members of the Interport team, returned yesterday by m.v. Asama Maru.

The Hong Kong Interports were treated to an experience, after one of their matches, which was new to most of them.

"They were taken to see a game of hal-ahai, a Spanish game described as one of the fastest in the world. They were tremendously thrilled with the visit and Miss Iris Woolley, captain, was presented by the management with two of the baskets with which the game is played."

Miss Woolley also has in her possession the White Shield and pennants from the Rest of Shanghai and The Greens.

TWO INTERVIEWS
Shanghai, April 9.—"Shanghai put up a wonderful show. In the opening minutes of the game they were rather unlucky not to score, but they gave us some anxious moments nevertheless."

Overjoyed at Hong Kong's brilliant performance, Miss Iris Woolley, nevertheless, quick to give the local players credit for their display when a "Shanghai Sunday Times" representative questioned the visiting captain shortly after the Interport match.

"The game was remarkably fast and keenly-contested," Miss Woolley continued, smiling radiantly, "and I must say that our team more than lived up to expectations."

"The defence did everything that was required of them, while the forwards, well, they fully justified their selection."

WONDERFUL TEAM-WORK
"Hong Kong's team-work was really wonderful," declared Mrs. Jean McKeown, captain of the local side.

"Their combination was a treat to watch," Mrs. McKeown continued, "they thoroughly deserved their victory. They were not only faster than us, but showed the results of excellent training."

The local players were fit and gave of their very best right until the end of the match, but, "lacked the final touches."

That factor, Mrs. McKeown emphasised, proved the decisive feature of the match and the visitors' advantages in this department of the game earned them an excellent victory.

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Yusang on their arrival in Shanghai. Miss Iris Woolley, Hong Kong captain, is holding the Colony pennant.

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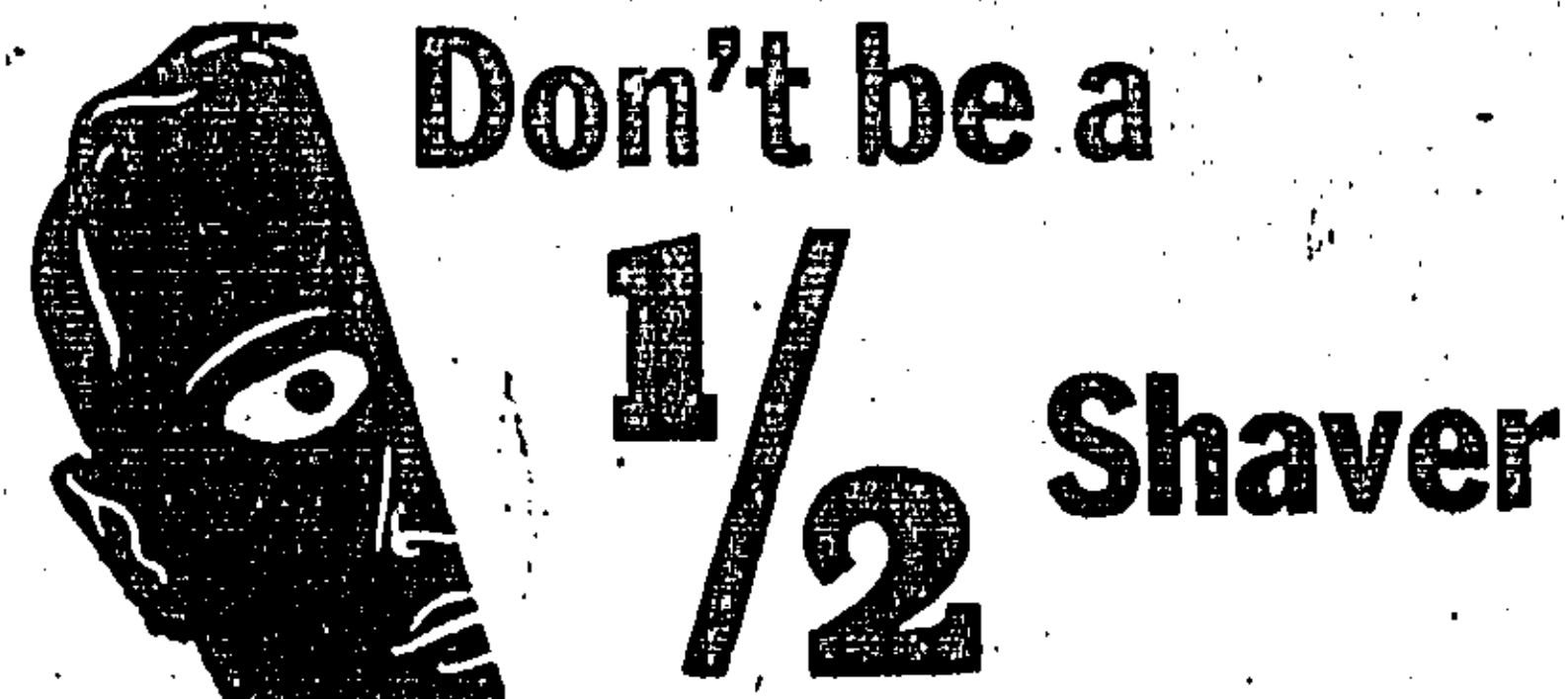
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LIBERTY BAY NOT TO Reported To Be Going To Hailan WILD LIFE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY ITS STABLEMATE NORTH

(By "Rapier")

SUBJECT to official confirmation, I understand—and this has been conveyed to me from a reliable source—that Liberty Bay and Wild Life, both belonging to the Dunbar Stable, will not participate again in Colony racing.

It has evidently been decided that these two China pony stalwarts have reached the end of their racing careers, and so in consequence they will very shortly be leaving for Hailan, North China, where they will pass the rest of their days in useful idleness.

Such an announcement, so far as it concerns Liberty Bay, will come in the nature of a surprise, although it is not altogether unexpected; there had been hopes entertained that it might yet recover from the effects of the injury from which it has suffered for some time, but that was not to be, and so the racing public will not have the pleasure of witnessing any encounter between Liberty Bay, beaten only by Silkylight, which has since died, and Desert Chief or Race Elect.

Liberty Bay has established a record in local racing which, I venture to predict, will never be surpassed. It started racing in 1932, when it won the Hong Kong Derby in effortless manner. In that year it was expected that Trentbridge, which belonged

to Mrs. Pearce, might give Liberty Bay a great fight, but practically at the very last minute Trentbridge was withdrawn, thus leaving Liberty Bay with absolutely no opposition. It went on to win race after race with consummate ease, establishing record times over various instances.

Its wins are far too numerous to be repeated here, but suffice to say that in Liberty Bay Mr. L. Dunbar had a real Champion, so much so that the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club had to debate it from the betting.

However, in racing, as in all other branches of sporting activities, everything must come to an end, but the end of Liberty Bay's career came in tragic circumstances. Prior to the commencement of the 1938 Annual Race Meeting, Liberty Bay was reported to be suffering from a bad leg, and its appearance at this meeting indicated that it had fully recovered. It won a race, but in its very next appearance, the Champions, it met its

K.C.C. CELEBRATE

A subscription-Curry Dinner is being held at Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, May 6, to celebrate the winning of the Junior Cricket League Championship.

Waterloo. The defeat of Liberty Bay by Silkylight was a first-class sensation, and marked the end of the great pony's racing career, as it has not run again.

Liberty Bay won \$39,148 in stakes. Wild Life originally belonged to Mr. Li Tse Fong, and it commenced racing in 1932, when it was conceded a chance of winning the Derby. It came second to Liberty Bay, and for some time it was not seen on the course until it was taken over by the Dunbar Stable. It has had quite a colorful career, although it has done nothing startling, but it has to be recorded that Wild Life, which foaled at the Jockey Club stables, is a great-hearted pony, always giving of its best in every event. It has had quite a few hard races, more particularly against King's Warden, and its retirement from local racing will be regretted. Wild Life's last race was at the Easter Meeting, having been demoted for some time to "B" Class.

Wild Life won \$12,672 in stakes.



An unusual picture of Larry Gains, seen here having his tongue wiped between sparring rounds in preparation for his Empire title bout with Len Harvey, who won on a technical knockout in the 13th round. Gains retiring with a badly damaged left eye.

Lawn Bowls

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Secretary of the Association and to his unfailing courtesy in all matters connected therewith. A. Hyde Lay has also gone on leave, whilst John Watson will also be away this year, as will L. Gay. Against this, however, is the return of Adam Holland who will be skipping one of their rinks.

C.S.C. STRENGTHENED
The Indians have the same men to choose from, but I somehow do not think they will be able to improve their position in the League, in which they finished fifth last season.

I have no information about the formation of the Police team, but Kowloon Dock should prove to be most successful than they were last year.

The Civil Servants, who were to have been relegated, remain in the premier division by reason of the expansion of the League to nine teams. Charlie Strangway is back from leave and Arthur Grimmett is also available, as is Rakusen, but against this must be offset the loss of Macgowan and Sheriff, both of whom are on holiday. Sam Randle will be another absentee from their team, I hear, as he cannot find the time to play regularly.



Members of the triumphant M.C.C. South African team photographed on their arrival at Southampton last month. Walter Hammond, of whom much has been written concerning his own individual prowess and his brilliant captaincy, can be seen above fourth from the left. (Copyright, ...)

RACE AGAIN? STEEL COULSON LEAGUE PRESENTATION NIGHT

AN extremely enjoyable evening was spent at the China Fleet Club last night when the Steel Coulson League was wound up with a dance and presentation of prizes.

The band of H.M.S. Birmingham was in attendance through kind permission of Capt. Brind.

Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Gill, assisted by a committee consisting of Mr. Ebbage, C. P. O. Brown and Mr. J. S. Riddell.

Prior to the presentation of prizes by Mrs. J. Remedios, Mr. Ebbage said:—

"Before calling on Mrs. Remedios to present the prizes won during the competition, I am happy to state that I was one of the Garrison Sergeants' Mess team which won the trophy in the first year of competition.

"During the succeeding years the competition has been the source of bright entertainment to all competitors and teams and has been the means of raising the standard of billiards among the various clubs in the Colony.

"I feel sure that this competition will continue in popularity for many years to come."

Prize-winners were:—

Billiards—Civil Service C.C., winners; Craighower C.C., runners-up.

Snooker:—Garrison Sergeants' Mess, winners; Chief and P.O.'s Mess, runners-up.

Darts:—Police Recreation Club, winners; Chief and P.O.'s Mess, runners-up.

Highest Break Billiards:—Mr. M. N. Rakusen (50) obtained in the League.

Mr. A. Lewis, of Craighower Cricket Club (50) was awarded a special prize for a break obtained in a play-off for the runners-up position. Snooker:—Mr. Pittham (Garrison Sergeants' Mess), C.P.O. Brown (P.O.'s Mess) and Stanley Leonard (Craighower C.C.) were awarded prizes for the highest break (22 points).

Highest Score, Darts:—Mr. Sadey (Police Recreation Club).

Highest Number of Games Finished:—Mr. Marvin (Royal Naval Dockyard Recreation Club).

The following are the final standings in the 1938-1939 Steel Coulson League:

BILLIARDS

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Civil Service Cricket Club	12	11	1	30		6 30
Garrison Serpts. Mess.	12	9	3	21		15 21
Craighower Cricket Club	12	8	4	21		15 21
Chief & Petty Officers Recreation Club	12	4	8	15		21 15
Police Recreation Club	12	6	7	14		22 14
Royal Naval Police	12	3	9	13		23 13
R. E. Serpts. Mess.	12	3	9	12		24 12

Result of Runners-up:—C.C.C. 3 pts. G.S.M. 0.

Highest Break Mr. M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.) 50.

SNOOKER

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Garrison Serpts. Mess.	12	9	3	26		10 26
Chief & Petty Officers Recreation Club	12	9	3	23		13 23
Civil Service Cricket Club	12	7	5	20½		15½ 20½
Police Recreation Club	12	8	4	20		16 20
Craighower Cricket Club	12	3	9	13		23 13
Royal Naval Police	12	3	9	12		24 12
R. E. Serpts. Mess.	12	3	9	11½		24½ 11½

Highest Break—Mr. Leonard (C.C.C.)—Mr. Pittham (G.S.M.) Mr. Brown (C.P.O.)—22.

DARTS

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Police Recreation Club	8	5	3	25		9 25
Chief & Petty Officers Recreation Club	8	5	3	21		19 21
R. E. Serpts. Mess.	8	3	5	17		23 17
Imperial Cafe	8	3	5	16		19 16
Royal Naval Police	8	4	4	15		25 14

Highest game finish:—Mr. Sadey—116 (P.R.C.).

Highest score:—Mr. Marvin—141 (R.N.P.).



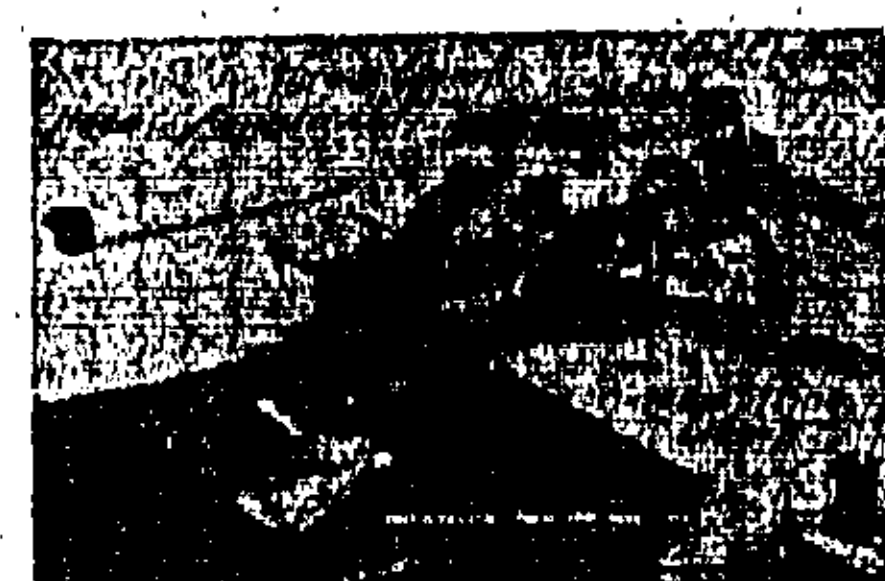
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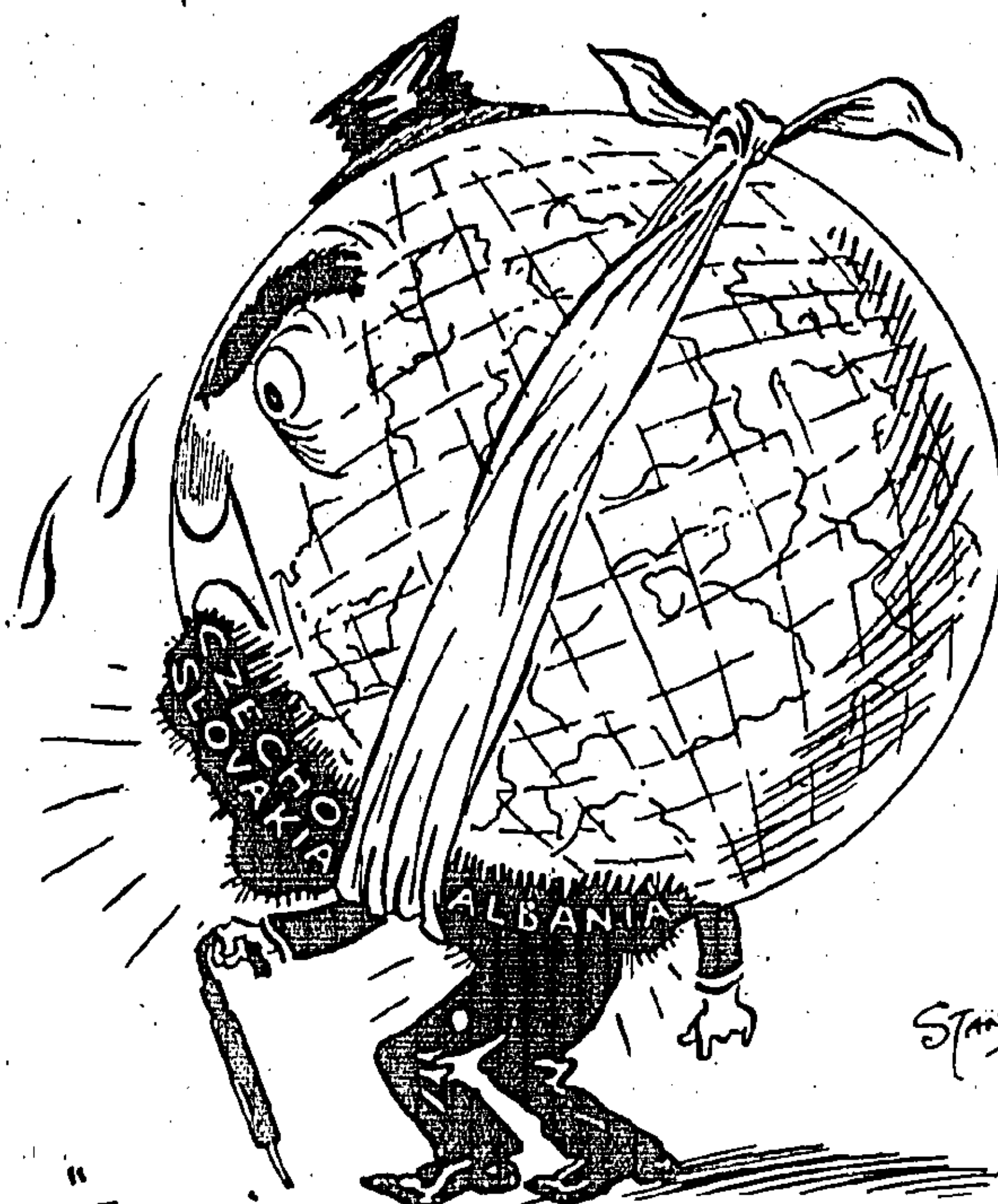
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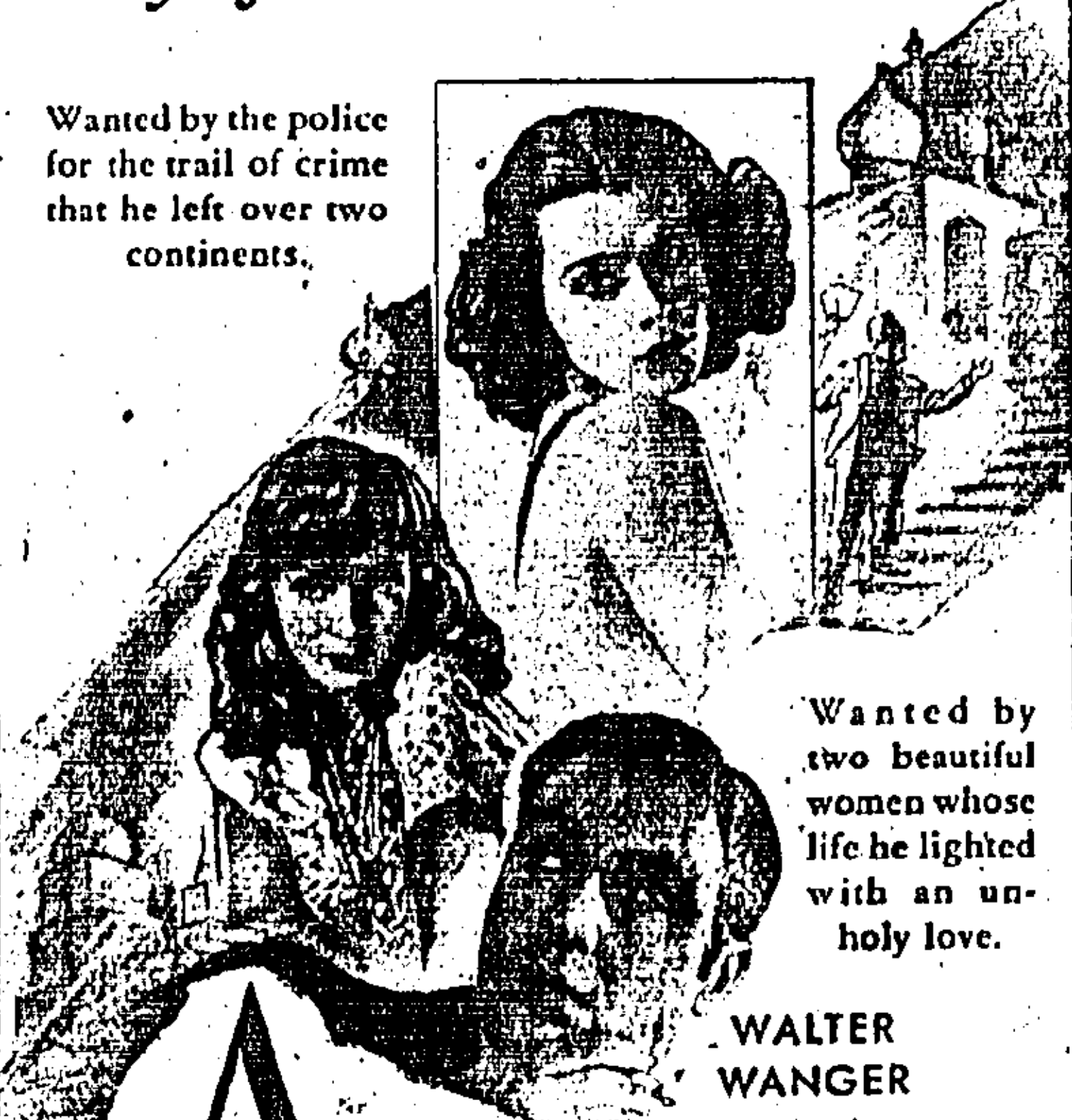
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prano) with Piano accomp. by
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jor, Op. 55, No. 1. Pro Arte Quar-
tet (Onnou-Hallieux-Prevost-Mana).
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itone) with Male Chorus & Orch.
Nautical Moments (arr. Winter &
Duthoit).... Regimental Band of
H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by
Capt. George Miller.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press,
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.
1.40 p.m.—Mozart Compositions.
Overture "Impresario".... The B.B.C.
Symphony Orchestra conducted
by Sir Adrian Boult.
Märchen Aller Arten ("Die Entfö-
hrung aus dem Serail"; Ach, Ich
Liebe.... ("Die Entföhrung aus
dem Serail").... Margherita Per-
ras (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Concerto in E Flat Major, K. 449
.... Rudolf Serkin (Piano) and
The Adolf Busch Chamber Play-
ers directed and lead by Adolf
Busch.
"The Magic Flute"—Seven Varia-
tions On The Duet "The Manly
Heart".... Emanuel Feuermann
("Cello) and Theo van der Pas
(Piano).
Turkish March.... Vienna Philhar-
monic Orchestra cond. by Karl
Alwin.
2.30 p.m.—Close down.
7 p.m.—Boccherini—Concerto in B
Flat Major. Pau Casals ("Cello")
and The London Symphony Orches-
tra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
7.24 p.m.—Songs by Benjamin Gigli
(Tenor).
Matinata Veneziana (de Mari-Cin-
quo); La Serenata (Cesario-Tor-
ti).... with Orchestra cond. by
Dino Olivieri.
Mille Chérubins In Coro (Lullaby
from film "Lullaby").... with the
Berlin State Opera Orchestra
cond. by Alois Melichar.
7.34 p.m.—Berlin State Opera Orches-
tra.
Rosamunde—Ballet Music (Schu-
bert); Polonaise No. 2 (Liszt)—
arr. Muller-Berghaus; Torch
Dance No. 1 in B Flat Major
(Meyerbeer).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Orchestral.
Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem
(Liszt).... London Symphony
Orchestra conducted by Albert
Coates.
8.16 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by
Nura Kanis.
1. Thirty Two Variations in C Minor
(Beethoven).
2. Troika (Tchaikovsky).
3. Etude in F Minor (Liszt).
8.45 p.m.—Borodin—Quartet No. 2 in
D Major. Pro Arte Quartet (On-
nou-Hallieux-Prevost-Mana).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Sunday
News and Newsletter.
9.35 p.m.—London Relay—Sports
Talk.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Saturday
Sport.
9.50 p.m.—Organ Music.
Toccata And Fugue in D Minor
(Bach).... G. Thalben Ball play-
ing on the B.B.C. Organ.
10 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on
the Table". An exchange of views
between speakers from different
parts of the Empire on the news
of the day.
10.20 p.m.—Studio—Sunday Evening
Polka. The Rev. Father G.
Byrne, S.J. Subject: "God's
"God's Light".
10.40 p.m.—Close down.

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CHINA EXPECTED TO WIN TO-DAY

TO-DAY'S INTERPORT FOOTBALL AT MACAO

Owing to "The Sunday Herald" Charity Cup Final and the Annual Meeting of Hong Kong Rifle Association, Hong Kong could not accede to the request of Macao Football Association to send their strongest Interport football team for to-day's game in Macao, but the Colony will nevertheless be represented by a strong and well-balanced side.

The team is due to leave this morning under the management of Mr. W. E. Hollands, and they should have little difficulty in beating Macao.

Macao have, however, done extraordinarily well against visiting teams—they drew with Ialington Cornishans, and beat both the Manila and Singapore Chinese teams.

Macao are making few changes from the team which beat Hong Kong by 5 goals to 3 last year, but the changes they have made have strengthened the side.

Mr. Cho-seng, left-back, who gave a sterling display last year, in only a reserve this time, and his place is being filled by Chiang Shan-ching.

J. J. Leung, formerly of St. Joseph's, will be seen at inside-left to allow Airoso, the hockey Interporter, to fill the pivotal position.

BLACKBURN'S MISFORTUNE
There is nothing wrong with the selection of the Hong Kong team. All the chosen players have been seen in various representative games during the season, but it is a pity that Blackburn, the captain, is unable to make the trip, owing to knee trouble.

The place is being filled by Hussain. The intermediate line is particularly strong, comprising Honeywell, who played against Manila in February, Bright, one of the best Service men in the Colony, and J. Parker, of Police, who though chosen to go to Manila had to decline owing to his impending departure on home leave.



Determination and concentration as pictured by Oxford's crew at practice at Henley for the Boat Race, which they lost by 4 lengths. Bourne, seen here as stroke, was replaced by Sanford due to the fact that he had only just recovered from illness and it was thought he might be unable to last the course. Bourne's grandfather and father stroked Oxford to victory. (Copyright, Fox).

MACAO MEET SENIOR XI FOR FIRST TIME

The Macao-Hong Kong Interport started three seasons ago when Macao entertained a junior eleven and won comfortably by 4 goals to 2.

In the return game Macao defeated a strong junior team at K.F.C. by 5 goals to 2.

In view of the great progress made in soccer in recent years, mainly through the visits of several Hong Kong teams, Macao felt that they could give a senior team from the Colony a good game and in their invitation this season suggested this to the Hong Kong Football Association.

Armstrong, at one time earmarked for the right-wing position against Manila, will be playing in partnership with D. Leonard, and Chan Tak-fai, next best Chinese centre-forward in the Colony after Lee Wai-tong, will lead the attack.

The left-wing combination of Ferrier, of Police, and Lau Tau-man, of South China "A", completes a strong team.

The following are the teams:—
Macao:—D. Carvalho; F. Lobato, Chiang Shan-ching; A. Nito Sousa, A. Airoso, A. Colaco (Capt.); M. Rego, T. Badaracco, F. Guerreiro, M. Jomulho and J. Lopes.

LEE UNCERTAIN REGARDING TRIP TO SOUTH SEAS

South China Athletic Association, leading Chinese football organization in the Far East, are now negotiating for a Summer tour to the South Seas and Java, and if present arrangements are satisfactorily concluded, plan to leave Hong Kong late in June or early July.

It will be recalled that Lee Wai-tong was injured at Samarang in the tour two seasons ago and that at least six ports in the Dutch Indies were deprived of the pleasure of seeing him in action.

The Chinese in these ports are most anxious to see him play, but Lee cannot now give any assurance that he will be able to make the trip.

A meeting of the football committee of the South China Athletic Association will be called shortly to make the final arrangements.

Reserves:—A. Cordova, F. Anis, Ho Cho-sen, Lau Ta-cheng and L. Badaracco.

Hong Kong:—Cheong Wing-choy (Police); Chan Kwok-ye (Police); and Hussain (St. Joseph's); P. Honeywell (Navy) (Vice-Capt.); Bright (Middlesex) and Parker (Police); Armstrong (Navy); D. Leonard (St. Joseph's); Chan Tak-fai (South China "B"); Ferrier (Police); and Lau Tau-man (South China "A").

Reserves:—Thorburn (Navy); Hosack (Royal Scots) and Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah).

Team Manager and Association Representative:—Mr. W. E. Hollands.

Lee Leading Side In "Sunday Herald" Cup Final

CHINESE FOOTBALL PLANS FOR OLYMPICS

There is every indication that China will compete in the World Olympics at Oslo in 1940, and preliminary preparations are already in hand according to reliable sources.

It is uncertain in what branches of sport China will be represented, but if China competes, it is definite she will send a football contingent. Members of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation from Shanghai have already discussed the matter with the local officials here and, among other suggestions, it has been proposed that Hong Kong again be the training centre, as in 1935. China, however, have to be in residence in the Colony for a longer period than was the case when preparing for the 1935 Olympics.

Another suggestion is that the team should not play many games on their way to Finland and, if possible, arrangements are to be made for the team's return via America, where games could then be played in Canada, United States and South American countries.

Further consideration to these schemes will be given shortly at a meeting of officials of the Shanghai, Hong Kong and Straits Federations, when more concrete plans will be formulated.

THIS WEEK'S LAWN TENNIS

The Open Tennis championships have now reached the semi-final stages and several matches in this round have been fixed for the coming week.

A particularly interesting game should be seen on Thursday when the Tsui brothers meet the newcomer Lim Thian-tet, former Perak champion, and Stephen Wong of University.

Lim will also attract a large crowd on Tuesday when he meets S. A. Rumbahn in the third round match postponed from last Friday on account of his indisposition.

The following is the week's amended programme:

TO-MORROW
Open Singles

Tsui Yun Kui v. Ho Ka Lau (stand court).

Club Championship

J. J. Ferguson v. W. Sander (4); H. J. Armstrong v. T. J. Gould (8).

Club Handicap Singles

V. R. Gordon (—3.0) v. C. M. Stark (3.0) (3); H. J. Buwell (—1.0) v. L. Goldman (—2.0) (4); A. T. Dow (—2.0) v. E. E. Story (—3.0) (7).

TUESDAY
Open Singles

S. A. Rumbahn v. Lim Thian Tet (stand court).

Club Championship

E. E. Story v. J. L. C. Pearce (2).

Club Handicap Singles

V. R. Gordon (—3.0) v. C. M. Stark (3.0) (4); C. B. Nicholson (—3.0) (4).

Club Handicap Doubles

J. Thomson and E. G. Biesel (—1.0) v. W. Sander and T. J. Gould (—1.0) (3).

WEDNESDAY
Open Doubles (Semi-Final)

S. A. Rumbahn and H. D. Rumbahn v. Lee Yue Wing and Ho Ka Lau (stand court).

Club Mixed Doubles

W. Sander and Miss A. Taylor (—1.0) v. T. J. Gould and Mrs. Whyte Smith (—2.0) (4).

Club Handicap Doubles

T. C. Monaghan and V. E. Gordon (—3.0) v. J. W. Mayhew and L. Brown (—1.0) (3).

THURSDAY
Open Doubles (Semi-Final)

Tsui Wai Kui and Tsui Yun Pui v. Lim Thian Tet and Stephen Wong (stand court).

Club Handicap Doubles

E. Laidlaw and A. C. Beck (scratch) v. E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson (—5.0) (4).

Club Mixed Doubles

T. C. Monaghan and Miss J. Greig (—4.0) v. H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews (—15.0) (8).

FRIDAY
Open Singles (Semi-Final)

Lee Wai Tong v. Tsui Yun Pui or Ho Ka-lau (stand court).

Club Handicap Doubles

J. Thomson and R. G. Biesel (—1.0) v. W. Sander and T. J. Gould (—1.0) (3); E. Laidlaw and A. C. Beck (scratch) v. E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson (—5.0) (3).

Club Mixed Doubles

R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd (scr.) v. T. C. Monaghan and V. R. Gordon (—3.0) or J. W. Mayhew and L. Brown (—1.0) (4).

T. A. Pearce and Miss D. Dodwell (—1.0) v. Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman (—1.0) (8).

NO TENNIS TO-DAY AT K.C.C.
The Mixed Doubles American tennis tournament arranged for to-day at Kowloon Cricket Club has been postponed due to the uncertain weather.

LEAGUE ENTRIES CLOSE
Entries for the 1939 Lawn Tennis League closed yesterday, but we were disappointed to hear that the League Secretary, that the list of entries would not be available until to-morrow.

Portugal Will Miss Eastern Players On Tour

Attack Not As Strong As It Might Have Been

A record crowd is expected at Sookunpoo this afternoon, where the Final of "The Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition, between China (holders) and Portugal, will be played, commencing at 4 p.m.

With Eastern players on tour, the China team, with the exception of Lau Yung-sang, have been drawn from South China A.A., and the inclusion of Lee Wai-tong in their attack will not only make them more formidable but will also add an added attraction to the Chinese football public.

The Chinese have a decided advantage over the Portuguese team as the majority of their players have been playing football regularly, while the Portuguese players, drawn mostly from St. Joseph's, have not been playing for a month owing to the early completion of their League fixtures. The Chinese also combine better, while their opponents have been forced to make several changes from the team which beat Ireland by 7 goals to 1 in the Semi-Final Round on Boxing Day.

Nothing much can be added to what has already been said of the Chinese team, except that Kwok Ying-kee, formerly a forward, will be seen at right-half in which position he excelled both against Eastern and Police in the Senior Shield series.

The Portuguese team possess a fairly useful defence in which N. Beltrao will occupy the pivotal position. J. Elms, who is playing in his first representative game after an absence from football of several seasons owing to a broken leg, will be seen in his old position at left-half, while the right-half berth will be filled by J. Pereira, a very promising local youngster.

The attack is not as strong as it might have been.

Ward has declined his invitation owing to pressure of work, while J. Gomes is at present with the Eastern team in Saigon.

A. V. Gosano will lead the attack, but will have two inside-forwards who have not played often in these positions. T. Castilho, usually a right-winger or wing-half, will be seen at inside-right and E. Rocha, a junior player, will be at inside-left.

At the conclusion of the game the trophy and miniatures will be presented to the winning team by Mrs. W. J. Keates, wife of the Editor of "The Hong Kong Sunday Herald."

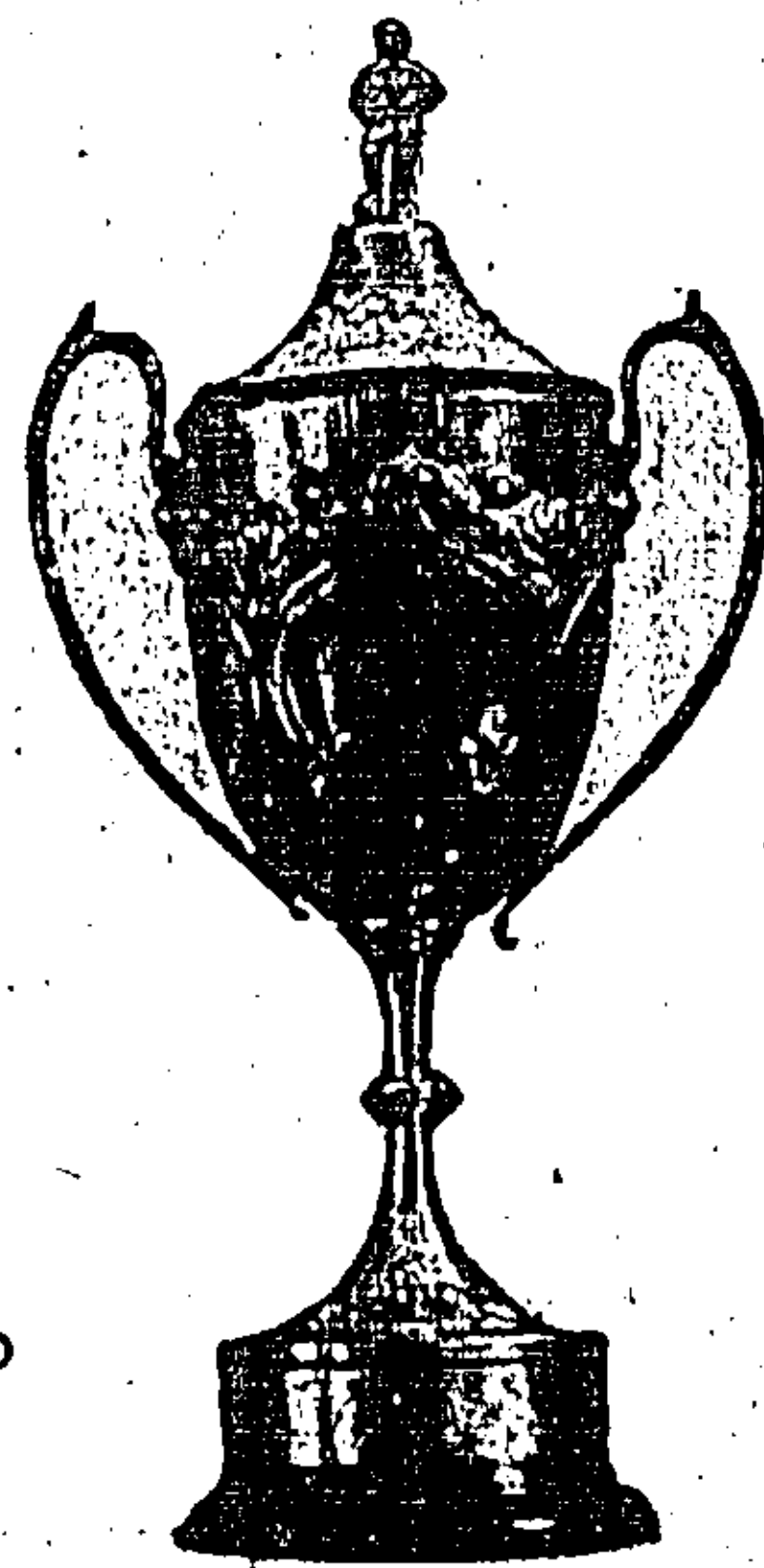
How They Reached The Final

FIRST ROUND	
China	4 Scotland
Portugal	7 Ireland

SEMI-FINAL	
China	4 England
Portugal	7 Ireland

Teams For Cup Final

CHINA	PORTUGAL
Tam Kwan-kon	U. B. Souza
Lee Tin-sang	C. F. Remedios
Hau Yung-sang	L. F. Souza
Kwok Ying-kee	J. Pereira
Leung Wing-chiu	N. Beltrao
Lee Kwok-wai	J. Elms
Tang Kwong-sun	C. Marques
Fung King-cheong	T. Castilho
Lee Wai-tong (Capt.)	A. V. Gosano (Capt.)
Lai Shui-wing	R. Rocha
Hau Ching-to	T. Alves



RESERVES
China:—Chung Pak-lam, Leung Pak-wai, Young Tso-cheong, Lau Chichan and Young Shui-yick.
Portugal:—C. Santos, J. Santos, and A. Ward.

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"The Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup was presented in 1925 in aid of local charities, and during the past 14 years no less than \$45,000 has been distributed to deserving causes.

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The following are the winners of past competitions:—
1925, Scotland; 1926, Portugal; 1927-28, Scotland; 1929, England; 1930, China; 1931, Scotland; 1932, Portugal; 1933, China; 1934, Wales; 1935-6, China; 1937, Ireland; 1938, China.



His Lordship the Bishop of London, Dr. Ingram, who was once himself a cox and seen here with H.V.P. Massey, diminutive Oxford Boat Race cox, entertaining the Dark Blues' crew with anecdotes of the more amusing side of his experiences as cox. His Lordship entertained the unsuccessful crew to lunch at Fulham Palace. (Copyright, Fox).

NO AUSTRALIAN TOUR FOR SOUTH CHINA

Negotiations by South China Athletic Association for a football tour of Australia this year, similar to the historic one in 1924, have fallen through owing to the presence of another touring team there now.

When Mr. Grant, Legislative Council member in Melbourne, was in the Colony recently he was approached on the matter and promised to do all he could.

Though the present endeavour has failed there is every possibility that the tour will materialize next year as Mr. Grant is still negotiating on South China Athletic Association's behalf.

In 1924, the Chinese team took part in a strenuous five months' tour, playing 24 matches in five States. They won seven, lost nine and drew eight of the matches, scoring 63 goals and conceding 54.

POTE-HUNT HEADS JOCKEYS' LIST

Shanghai, April 9.—The Easter Sub-Griffin Derby Stakes programme at Shanghai Race Club—fall to the excellent combination of "Sonny" Gram and Loro-fels, the young rider timing his final spurt to such a nicety that Special Delivery's (Maitland) challenge was only subdued by a head.

The victor's owner, Mr. Hardi, also captured third place in the classic with Elfen-fels, piloted by Eric Cumine. Elfen-fels was forced into the lead from the start and Cumine rode a hard race trying to keep him in front. At the three-quarter mile post he was nearly six lengths to the good. The field, led by Second Thought, closed up on him at the Monument, but the moment he entered the straight Elfen-fels was away again and only Loro-fels and Special Delivery managed to catch him, Sugar Star was fourth.

J. W. Pote-Hunt and John Sparke were the leading jockeys of the day, each piloting three winners, while A. A. White and A. F. Clark brought home two winners.

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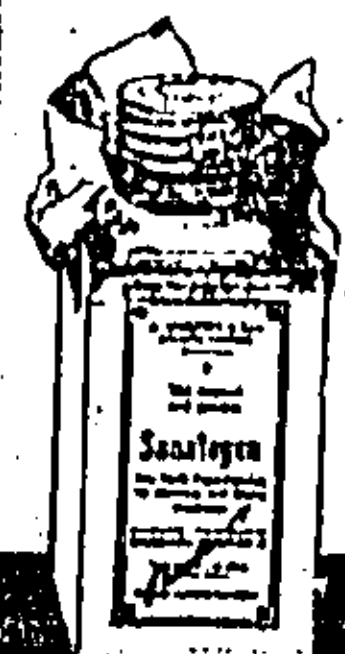
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MURDER at CHRISTMAS: POIROT'S STRANGEST CASE

'No use lying... when did you know?'

by
AGATHA CHRISTIE

ON Christmas Eve Colonel Johnson, Chief Constable of Middlesex, went in response to a telephone call from Superintendent Sugden to investigate the murder of old Simeon Lee, diamond merchant millionaire.

Johnson took with him his guest, Hercule Poirot.

The victim's throat had been cut in a room where the door was locked on the inside and the windows were fastened.

No trace of the murderer or his weapon could be found, but a great deal of blood had been spilled about the disordered room.

Simeon Lee, a short time before his death, had reported to the police the loss of a number of uncut diamonds he kept in his safe.

Johnson questioned members of the family house-party—Simeon's sons, George, Alfred, Harry, David; his half-Spanish granddaughter Pilar; his daughters-in-law; Stephen Farr, son of his former partner, Tressilian, the butler, remembered that Horbury, the valet, had dropped a coffee cup on hearing that the police had called.

"Seems suggestive, that," said the Chief Constable. Did Horbury ask any questions about the Superintendent's visit. Tressilian?

"Yes, sir; asked what he wanted here. I said he'd come collecting for the Police Orphanage and had gone up to Mr. Lee."

"Did Horbury seem relieved when you said that?"

"Do you know, sir, now you mention it, he certainly did. His manner changed at once. Said Mr. Lee was a good old chap and free with his money—rather disrespectfully he spoke—and then he went off."

"Which way?"

"Out through the door to the servants' hall."

"All that's O.K., sir. He passed through the kitchen, where the cook and the kitchenmaid saw him, and out through the back door."

"Now listen, Tressilian, and think carefully. Is there any means by which Horbury could return to the house without any one seeing him?"

The old man shook his head. "I don't see how he could have done so, sir. All the doors are locked on the inside."

"Supposing he had a key?"

"The doors are bolted as well."

"How does he get in when he comes?"

"He has a key of the back door, sir."

"He could have returned that way, then?"

"Not without passing through the kitchen, sir. And the kitchen would be occupied till well after half past nine or a quarter to ten."

"That seems conclusive," said Johnson. "Thank you, Tressilian."

The old man got up and with a bow left the room. He returned, however, a minute or two later.

"Horbury has just returned, sir. Would you like to see him now?"

"Love in Old Seville" was the picture, sir.

"Any one who saw you there?"

"The young lady in the box office, sir, she knows me. And the commissionaire at the door. He knows me, too. And—er—as a matter of fact, I was with a young lady, sir, I met her there by appointment."

"Oh, you did, did you? What's her name?"

"Doris Buckle, sir. She works in the Combined Dairies, sir, 23, Markham-road."

"Good, we'll look into that. Did you come straight home?"

"I saw my young lady home first, sir. Then I came straight back. You'll find it's quite all right, sir. I didn't have anything to do with this I was—"

Colonel Johnson said curtly: "Nobody's accusing you of having anything to do with it."

"No, sir, of course not, sir. But it's not very pleasant when a murder happens in a house."

"Nobody said it was. Now then, how long had you been in Mr. Lee's service?"

"Just over a year, sir."

"Yes, sir. I was quite satisfied. The pay was good. Mr. Lee was rather difficult sometimes, but, of course, I'm used to attending on invalids."

"What I want to know is this—at what time did you last see Mr. Lee this evening?"

"It was about half past seven, sir. Mr. Lee had a light supper brought to him every evening at seven o'clock. I then prepared him for bed. After that he would sit in front of the fire in his dressing-gown till he felt like going to bed."

"What time was that usually?"

"It varied, sir. Sometimes he would go to bed as early as eight o'clock—that's if he felt tired. Sometimes he would sit up till eleven or after."

"What did he do when he did want to go to bed?"

"Usually he rang for me, sir."

"But this was your evening out—did you always have Fridays?"

"Yes, sir."

"What happened then when Mr. Lee wanted to go to bed?"

"He would ring, and either Tressilian or Walter would see to him."

"He was not helpless? He could move about?"

"Yes, sir, but not very easily. Rheumatoid arthritis was what he suffered from, sir. He was worse some days than others."

"Did he never go into another room in the daytime?"

"No, sir. He preferred to be in just the one room. Mr. Lee wasn't luxurious in his tastes. It was a big room with plenty of air and light in it."

"Mr. Lee had his supper at seven, you say?"

"Yes, sir, I took the tray away and put out the sherry and two glasses on the bureau."

"Why did you do that?"

"Mr. Lee's orders."

"Was that usual?"

"Sometimes. It was the rule that none of the family came to see Mr. Lee in the evening unless he invited them. Some evenings he'd send down and ask Mr. Alfred, or Mrs. Alfred, or both of them, to come up after dinner."

"But as far as you know he had not done so on this occasion? That is, he had not sent a message to any member of the family requesting their presence?"

"He hadn't sent any message by me, sir."

"So that he wasn't expecting any of the family?"

"He might have asked one of them personally, sir."



"Of course," Horbury continued: "I saw that everything was in order, wished Mr. Lee good-night, and left the room."

Poirot asked: "Did you make up the fire before you left the room?"

The valet hesitated. "It wasn't necessary, sir. It was well built up."

"Could Mr. Lee have done that himself?"

"Oh, no, sir. I expect Mr. Harry Lee had done it."

"Mr. Harry Lee was with him when you came in before supper?"

"Yes, sir. He went away when I came."

"What was the relationship between the two, as far as you could judge?"

"Mr. Harry Lee seemed in very good spirits, sir. Throwing back his head and laughing a good deal."

"And Mr. Lee?"

"He was quiet, and rather thoughtful."

"I see. Now there's something more I want to know, Horbury. What can you tell us about the diamonds Mr. Lee kept in his safe?"

"Diamonds, sir? I never saw any diamonds."

"Mr. Lee kept a quantity of uncut stones there. You must have seen him handling them."

"Those funny little pebbles, sir? Yes, I did see him with them once or twice. But I didn't know they were diamonds. He was showing them to the foreign young lady only yesterday—or was it the day before?"

Colonel Johnson said abruptly: "Those stones have been stolen."

Horbury cried out: "I hope you don't think, sir, that I had anything to do with it."

"I'm not making any accusations," said Johnson. "Now then, is there anything you can tell us that has any bearing on this matter?"

"The diamonds, sir? Or the murder?"

"Both."

Horbury considered. He passed his tongue over his pale lips. At last he looked up with eyes that were a shade furtive.

"I don't think there's anything, sir."

Poirot said softly: "Nothing you've overheard, say, in the course of your duties, which might be helpful?"

The valet's eyelids flickered a little.

"No, sir, I don't think so, sir. There was a little awkwardness between Mr. Lee and—and some members of his family."

"Which members?"

"I gathered there was a little trouble over Mr. Harry Lee's return. Mr. Alfred Lee resented it. I understand he and his father had a few words about it—but that was all there was to it. Mr. Lee didn't accuse him for a minute."

"In hope you don't think, sir, that I had anything to do with the theft," Horbury cried.

of having taken any diamonds. And I'm sure Mr. Alfred wouldn't do such a thing."

Poirot said quickly: "His interview with Mr. Alfred was after he had discovered the loss of the diamonds was it not, though?"

"Yes, sir."

Poirot leaned forward. "I thought, Horbury," he said. (Continued on Page 25)

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To-day Is The Happiest Day of My Life. (German).
R2468—Lolita-Serenade. (Buzzi-Pecchia). (Italian).
Faded Melody. (German).
R2142—Eugen Onegin. (Tchikowsky). (Act 2).
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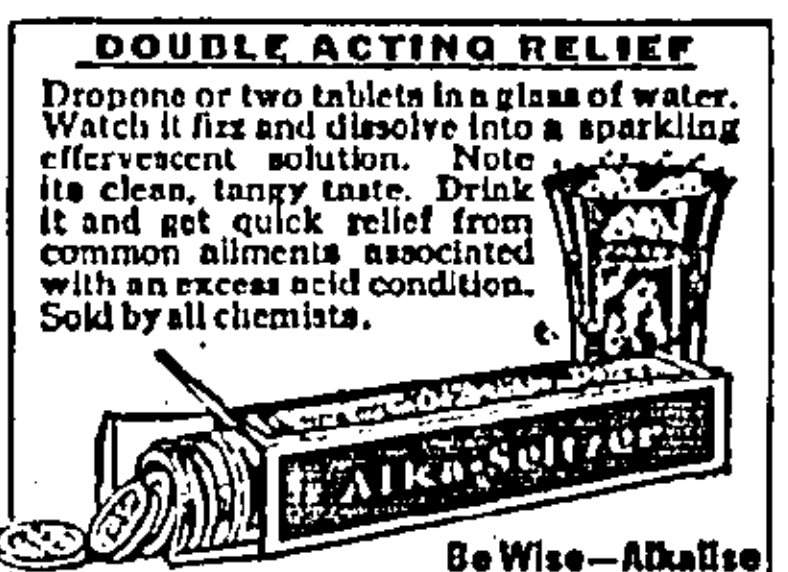
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REALISTIC MONMOUTHSHIRE AIR RAID.—The small town of Usk in Monmouthshire takes its A.R.P. work very seriously and has achieved a reputation for the enthusiasm of its townspeople. On March 31, a realistic mimic air raid was staged during a half-hour black-out during which through traffic was required to dip head lights. Aeroplanes and searchlights assisted in the feat and mimic gas and incendiary bombs were exploded and dealt with by the A.R.P. workers. Photo shows a decontamination squad cleansing the roadway whilst others searched "wrecked" buildings.

BRIDGE NOTES

BY ELY CULBERTSON

Bidding A Grand Slam

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: The fellow have shown his partner his heart lowing hand was played shortly honours or his spade singleton after midnight, in one of those before the bidding reached too delightful little home battles high a level?"

which encourage conversation still farther into the night.

South, dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
S 6
H K Q 9 3
D A 10 9 6 3
C Q 7 5

EAST
S K Q 10 9 5 4
H 10 8 6 2
D 8
C J 2

SOUTH
S A 3
H A 7
D K J 7 5 4
C A K 10 9

"South is a college professor with more education than intelligence. He reads your column every day but, in spite of that opportunity, he still is just an ordinary 'ham' player. He opened the bidding with one diamond. East and West were the wives in the case. West bid one spade. North, a mechanical engineer, jumped to four diamonds. East passed, and South said four no trump. West passed. North responded with five diamonds, which South said six diamonds, which ended the bidding. West led the king of spades, which was taken by declarer with the ace. The first lead of trumps showed a laydown for the grand slam. One of the ladies, who often has been accused of bidding too conservatively, remarked sarcastically: 'Why didn't you bid the grand slam, since you had a laydown for it?'

"Should North and South have given a jump preference for diamonds the grand slam, and if so what monds, and finally showed the diamonds first, so that he could of the question.

Despite the fact that North-South had more combined values than were needed for thirteen tricks, the grand slam was not so easy to bid that they should hide their hands. If I were Y. A. N., I would make a record of this deal and spring it on the sarcastic ladies about six months from now, giving them the North-South hands. If they fail to reach the "laydown grand slam," the abused husbands should laugh long and loudly. (Of course, I assume no responsibility in case the correct contract is reached.)

However, it is true that expert bidding would be effective. To wit:

South	West	North	East
1 D	1 S	2 H	Pass
3 C	Pass	4 D	Pass
4 no trump	Pass	6 D	Pass
7 D	Pass	Pass	Pass

The key bid is North's proper choice on the first round. Two hearts are more informative and more constructive than any diamond raise. South then makes the normal, forcing bid of three clubs. To this strong rebid, North obviously has the values for a bet-ter-than-preference, jump raise in diamonds. South's four no trump is conventional, and North shows the agreed-suit ace by jumping to six-odd. Now South certainly can visualise thirteen tricks. North made a free two heart bid, he gave a jump preference for diamonds the grand slam, and finally showed the diamonds first, so that he could of the question.

Murder at Christmas

(Continued from Page 24)

softly, "that you did not know of the theft of the diamonds until we informed you of it just now. How, then, do you know that Mr. Lee had discovered his loss before he had this conversation with his son?"

Horbury turned brick red. "No use lying. Out with it," said Sugden. "When did you know?"

Horbury said sullenly: "I heard him telephoning to some one about it."

"You weren't in the room?"

"No, outside the door. Couldn't hear much—only a word or two."

"What did you hear exactly?" asked Poirot sweetly.

"I heard the words robbery and diamonds, and I heard him say, 'I don't know whom to suspect'—and I heard him say something about this evening at eight o'clock."

"Superintendent Sugden nodded. "That was to me he was speaking, my lad. About five ten, was it?"

"That's right, sir."

"And when you went into his room afterwards did he look upset?"

"Just a bit, sir. Seemed absent-minded and worried."

"So much so that you got the wind up—eh?"

"Look here, Mr. Sugden, I won't have you saying things like that. Never touched any diamonds, I didn't, and you can't prove I did. I'm not a thief."

Superintendent Sugden, unimpressed, said:

"That remains to be seen." He glanced questioningly at the Chief Constable, received a nod, and went on "That'll do for you, my lad. Shan't want you again tonight."

Horbury went out gratefully in haste.

"An unprepossessing person," said Poirot.

"I believe it was a mistake."

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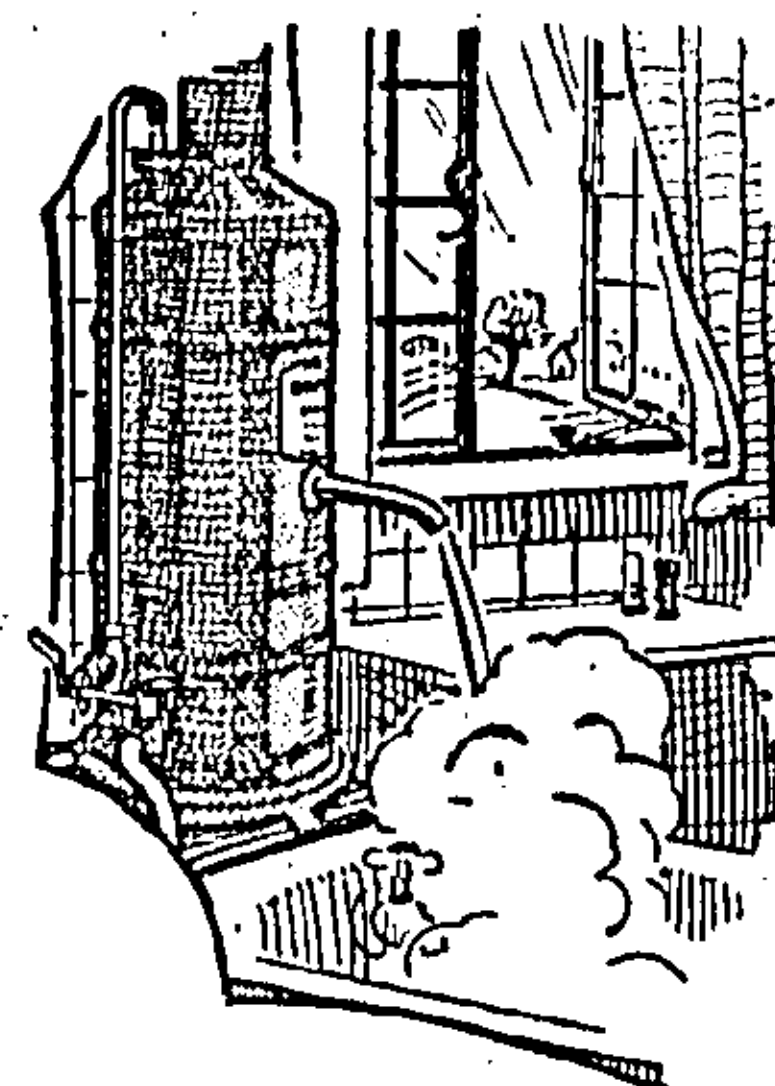
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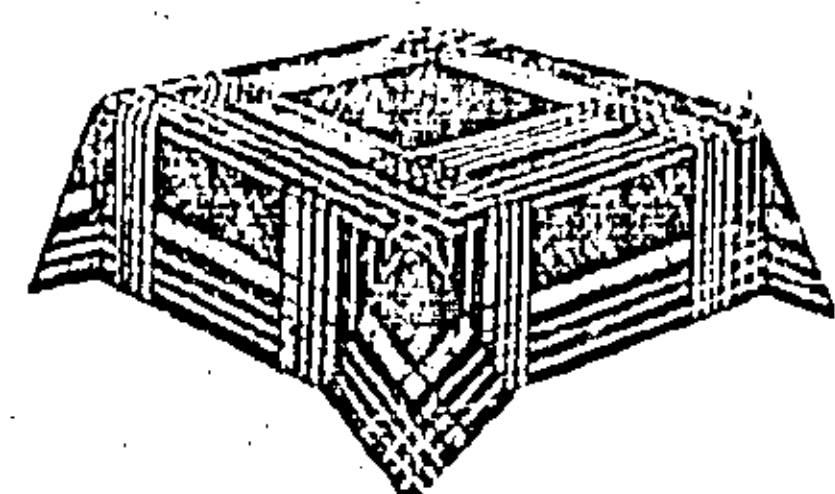
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KENYA READY FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES

Mombasa, Yesterday.
An account of the defence
plans of Kenya Colony was
given by the Governor, Air Chief
Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-
Popham, in Legislative Assem-
bly to-day.

Sir Robert declared that re-
inforcements for defence of the
Colony were fully organised,
while ambulance, transport and
other services behind the lines
had been fully equipped and
were ready for service.

The Governor added that
Asiatic manpower would be used
very largely for maintaining es-
sential services. — Reuter.

COUNT CIANO'S SPEECH

Rome, Yesterday.
The Foreign Minister, Count
Ciano, addressing the Chamber
of Fasci and Corporations to-
day, announced that the Cham-
ber had offered the crown of
Albania to King Victor Em-
manuel.

He declared that the personal
union brought about in the two
thrones and their common inter-
ests, had brought to the Albanian
nation a new era of peace and
liberty.

"Long live Albania, long live
Italy," he added.

Albania was now Roman, and the
great work of uniting the two
nations had begun.

Count Ciano claimed that the
powers had recognised Italy's right
to protect Albania.

Despite King Zog's promise, he
alleged, he did little to improve re-
lations with Italy. The "rapacious
oligarchy" which surrounded him
had to be eradicated.

Mussolini had saved Albania
despite opposition from King Zog.
— Reuter.

ONE WHO SAYS "NO"

London, Yesterday.
"I refuse to recognise the re-
gime and government formed
there under the domination of for-
eigners," was the reply sent to-day
by the Albanian Minister in Lon-
don to the Ministry of Foreign Af-
fairs in Tirana in response to a
message advising the Minister of
formation of a new "government"
in Albania. — Reuter.

RECRUITING UP

London, Yesterday.
Seventy Territorial Army units
have reached war establishment
and are now to recruit for their
second line. — British Wireless.

DEATHS

LOKE—At the Queen Mary Hos-
pital, Hong Kong, on the 14th
April, 1939, Hel Sheung,
dearly-beloved younger
daughter of Dr. & Mrs. K. T.
Loke, (Straits and F.M.S.
papers please copy).

COBBE—At her residence, No. 9
Cameroon Road, on 15th April
1939, Mrs. Laura Eliza, widow
of the late William R. Cobbe
of Chicago, U.S.A., beloved
mother of Mrs. C. B. Willard,
Mrs. Z. D. Rapp and the late
Ross W. Cobbe, grand-
mother of George L. Rapp,
aged ninety years. Passed
peacefully away after a long
illness. Deeply mourned. (Chi-
cago papers please copy).

VIEWED AS PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY

London, Yesterday.
The plan for co-operation of the air forces of
the Soviet, Rumania and Poland, continues
to play an important role in the comments
of the London newspapers on the Anglo-
Soviet negotiations.

Diplomatic circles say such a policy is a practical
one.

Generally well-informed circles, says the diplomatic
correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian,"
speak of an agreement which would be half way
between the present state of Anglo-Soviet relations
and a pact along the lines of the Anglo-Polish
Agreement.

Rumania and Poland would
be covered in the case of war,
and their lines of supply would
be protected.

Well-informed diplomatic cir-
cles share the correspondent's
view, and see the immediate
purpose of the negotiations be-
tween London and Moscow in
the preparation of a series of
agreements safeguarding a suf-
ficient supply of raw materials
and munitions to Poland and
Rumania in the event of war.

Co-operation of the various
air forces is predicted by the
English and French press, some
papers saying that Soviet planes
would be delivered to Poland
and Rumania.

Another point in the negotia-
tions, it is reliably learned, will
be the unrestricted passage of
British warships through the
Dardanelles in wartime in order
to protect transport of war
material to Rumanian ports. —
Trans-Ocean.

DIPLOMATIC MANOEUVRING

(Continued from Page 1)

general terms, says Reuter's di-
plomatic correspondent, the view
held here is that with the British
guarantee to Poland, the Soviet
has received in effect a guarantee
of its own frontier.

Attempts are now being made
to see how Soviet assistance can
be utilised in the event of an at-
tack on either of her two neigh-
bours.

Meanwhile, discussions are con-
tinuing with Turkey on the gen-
eral Balkan situation. — Reuter.

ADDED SIGNIFICANCE

London, Yesterday.
Added significance is given to
yesterday's interview between the
Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky,
and the Foreign Secretary, Lord
Halifax, in view of the ministerial
statements in both Houses of Par-
liament on Thursday of the im-
portance which the Government at-
taches to the part Russia might
play in the new policy to buttress
European peace.

Arrangements have been made
for the British Ambassador in
Moscow to see M. Litvinoff to-day,
and it is anticipated that the pos-
sibilities of associating the Soviet
Government in the system of pacts
against aggression, in which Lon-
don and Paris have taken the in-
itiative, will be discussed.

While the Halifax-Maisky con-
versations were proceeding in Lon-
don yesterday, the French Foreign
Minister, M. Bonnet, was in con-
sultation with the Russian envoy
in Paris.

NEW SECURITY

Meanwhile, consultations on the
new security system are being con-
tinued between Britain and Tur-
key, account being taken not only
of Britain's concern in Turkey's
independence but also of Turkey's
own weighty influence in the cause
of peace throughout the Balkans.
— Reuter.

BERLIN TO DO HERR HITLER PROUD

Berlin, Yesterday.

Preparations for the
Fuehrer's birthday have
begun the entire 8-kilo-
metre stretch from
the "Adolf Hitler
Platz" to the palace at
the bottom of the "Un-
ter den Linden," having
been adorned with huge
white pylons surmount-
ed by gilded eagles.

Fires have been placed on top of
the pylons and flames three metres
high will burn during the celebra-
tion.

Special white pedestals surmount-
ed by gilded eagles will serve as
bases for groups of flags.

The "Unter den Linden" con-
tains four lines of white pylons
from which flags will be draped,
and special adornment of the Bran-
denburger gate including coloured
light effects has been planned.

Large stands have been con-
structed on both sides of the bou-
levard at a central point so that
20,000 distinguished guests may
be present at the gigantic military
parade.

All decorations will be effective
at night as well as during day
time as special lighting effects have
been arranged. — Trans-Ocean.

FOREIGNERS JOIN FRENCH ARMY

Paris, Yesterday.

Two organisations have been
formed to assist France in the
event of war.

One will be for collecting funds
by which to provide a squadron
of planes for the French air
force, and the other will be an
organisation of volunteers who
will join the Colours.

A large number of foreigners,
including many Italians, are ap-
plying for enrolment in the
French Army. — Reuter.

TURKISH MOBILISATION

Ankara, Yesterday.

The immediate grant of 5,000-
000 Turkish pounds to meet the
costs of calling to the Colours be-
fore the appointed time of several
classes of recruits, was passed by
the Turkish Parliament to-day.

The credit is also intended to
cover outlays for the accelerated
equipment of warships. — Trans-
Ocean.

LINDBERGH TO GIVE EVIDENCE

New York, Yesterday.

It is announced in Washington
that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh,
who returned to the United States
from Europe last night, will ap-
pear before the House of Repre-
sentatives foreign affairs com-
mittee on Tuesday or Wednesday.
Colonel Lindbergh will be ques-
tioned on his views of United
States policy in the event of an
outbreak of war. — Reuter.

LUTON JUMP FORWARD: ENGLAND WIN INTERNATIONAL

London, Yesterday.
The following are the results of
League football matches played
to-day:—

FIRST DIVISION			
Arsenal	2	Manchester U.	1
Aston Villa	1	Bolton	3
Blackpool	4	Middlesbrough	0
Brentford	0	Birmingham	1
Derby	1	Leicester	1
Everton	0	Preston	0
Grimsby	0	Liverpool	1
Huddersfield	3	Chelsea	1
Portsmouth	2	Stoke	0
Sunderland	2	Leeds	1
Wolves	3	Charlton	1

SECOND DIVISION			
Blackburn	3	Southampton	0
Bradford	0	Sheffield U.	3
Bury	1	Newcastle	1
Chesham	1	Luton	2
Fulham	1	Coventry	0
Manchester C.	2	Burnley	0
Millwall	2	Tottenham	0
Wednesday	1	Notts P.	1
Swansea	2	Plymouth	1
Tranmere	0	Norwich	1
West Ham	2	West Brom.	1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)			
Aldershot	3	Ipswich	1
Bristol C.	5	Reading	1
Clapton	2	Queen's P.R.	1
Crystal P.	0	Bristol R.	0
Newport	3	Southend	0
Northampton	0	Exeter	0
Notts C.	1	Cardiff	1
Port Vale	2	Bournemouth	0
Swindon	1	Walsall	4
Torquay	3	Manfield	0
Watford	1	Brighton	1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)			
Carlisle	1	Chester	3
Crawley	0	Bradford C.	0
Darlington	3	Barrow	1
Doncaster	4	Lincoln	1
Gateshead	2	Halifax	0
Hartlepool	3	New Brighton	2
Rochdale	4	Accrington	1
Rotherham	3	Stockport	2
Southport	4	Hull	0
*Wrexham	0	Oldham	0
York	2	Barnsley	3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION			
Aberdeen	1	East Fife	4
Dundee	1	Dumbarton	1
East Stirling	5	Leith	2
St. Bernard's	0	Airdrie	1
Edinburgh	2	Forfar	3

INTERNATIONAL MATCH (At Hampden Park)			
Scotland	1	England	2

[No correction had been received
up to 3.30 a.m.—Ed.]

Malayan Defence Gesture

Singapore, Yesterday.

The Malayan Government is con-
templating a special grant of
£1,000,000 for Imperial Defence
and a vote for this amount is to
be considered at a meeting of the
State Council on April 24.

This is in addition to the annual
contribution of £750,000. — Reuter.

CANTON ISLAND AIR BASE

Washington, Yesterday.
Equipment for the establish-
ment of an air base on Canton Is-
land is leaving San Francisco in
the "North Cape" in a day or two,
following the Anglo-American
agreement for joint administration
of Canton and Enderbury Islands.
— Reuter.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

Y.K.C.—Your letter is held over
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